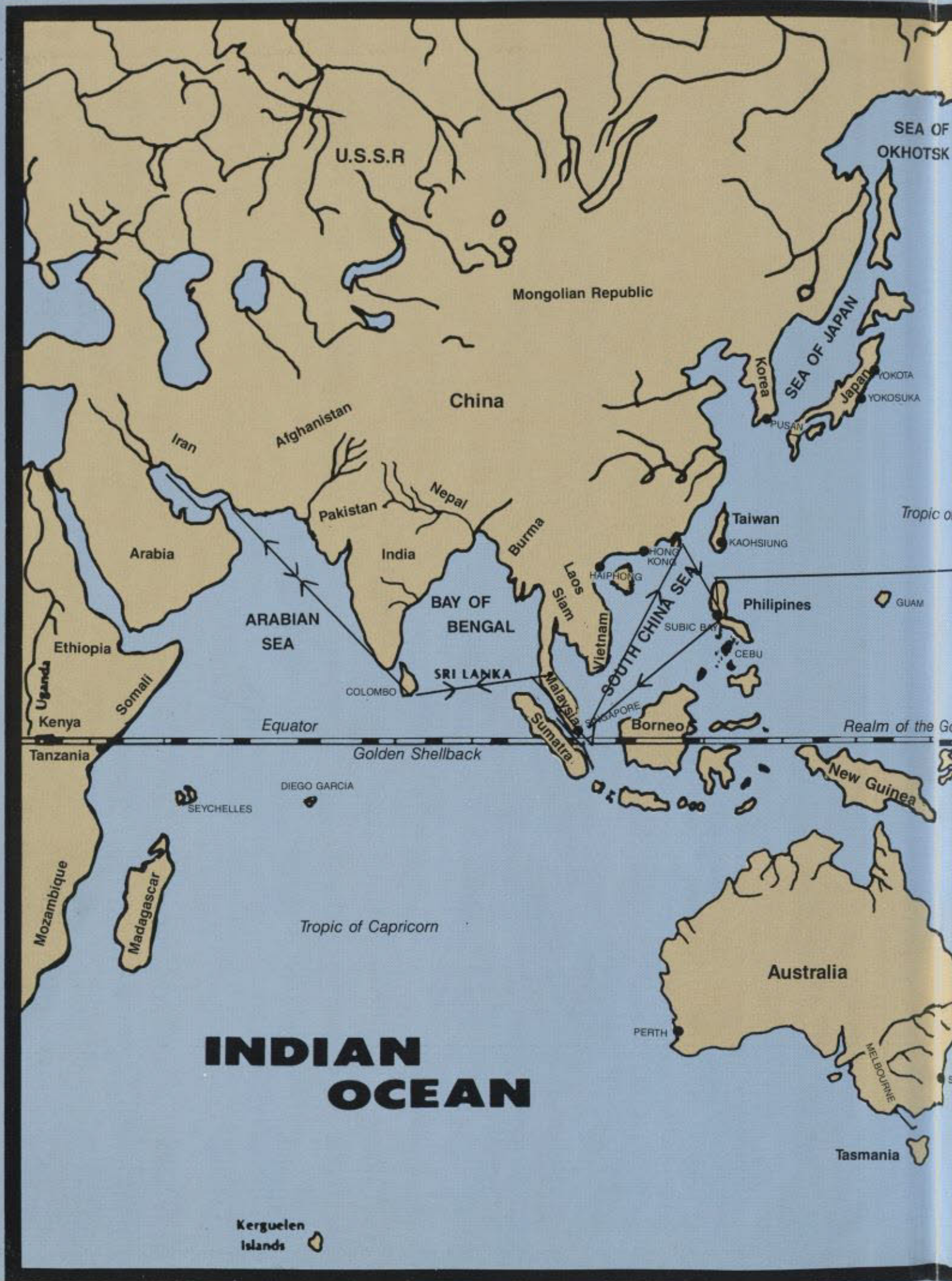


USS RENTZ (FFG-46)





SEA OF OKHOTSK

U.S.S.R

Mongolian Republic

China

SEA OF JAPAN

Korea

YOKOTA

YOKOSUKA

PUSAN

Iran

Afghanistan

Nepal

Pakistan

India

Burma

Laos

Siam

Vietnam

Taiwan

KAOHSIUNG

Philippines

GUAM

ARABIAN SEA

BAY OF BENGAL

SRI LANKA

COLOMBO

HONG KONG

HAIPHONG

SUBIC BAY

CEBU

SINGAPORE

Malaysia

Sumatra

Borneo

New Guinea

Australia

PERTH

MELBOURNE

Tasmania

Tropic of Capricorn

Equator

Golden Shellback

DIEGO GARCIA

SEYCHELLES

Tanzania

Mozambique

Madagascar

INDIAN OCEAN

Kerguelen Islands

OF
TSK

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e Golden Dragon

SYDNEY

Alaska

ANCHORAGE

DATE LINE

BERING SEA

Canada

SEATTLE

SAN FRANCISCO

LONG BEACH

SAN DIEGO

United States

Mexico

**NORTH
PACIFIC**

Midway
Islands

Hawaii

OAHU

HONOLULU

PEARL HARBOR

Wake
Island

**PACIFIC
OCEAN**

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Christmas Island

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Fiji Islands

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Society Islands

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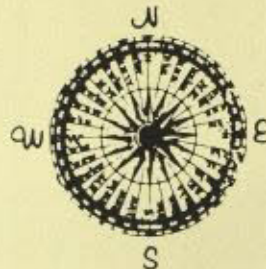
**SOUTH
PACIFIC**

New Caledonia
Hebrides

New Zealand

WELLINGTON

MONDAY
SUNDAY



THE TRACK OF THE

**USS RENTZ
(FFG-46)**

WESTPAC 1987-8

FC2 FLORES

USS RENTZ (FFG-46)
THE BATTLE FRIGATE



**MIDDLE EAST
CRUISE
1987-1988**



FREEDOM

Where the mind is without fear and the
head is held high;
Where the knowledge is free;
Where the world has not been broken up
into fragments by narrow domestic
walls;
Where world come out from the depth of
truth;
Where tireless striving stretches its arms
towards perfection;
Where the clear stream of reason has not
lost its way into the dreary desert sand of
dead habit;
Where the mind is led forward by thee
into ever-widening thought and action-
Into that heaven of freedom, My Father,
let my country awake.



COAT OF ARMS USS RENTZ (FFG-46)



BLAZON

- Shield:** Barry wavy azure and argent on a cross of the first a diminished cross argent.
- Crest:** From a wreath argent and azure behind two warheads saltirewise argent a demi-trident palewise or interlaced through the tines by a palm wreath reversed vert tied gules.
- Motto:** On a scroll or double azure the inscription "DREAD NOUGHT", in dark blue letters. Motto derived from traditional Royal Navy expression "Fear God and Dread Nought."

SYMBOLISM

- Shield:** The dark blue cross refers to the Navy Cross awarded to Commander Rentz, the heroic Chaplain of the heavy cruiser Houston, for his selfless bravery following the loss of that ship in the Battle of the Sunda Strait on 1 March 1942. The wavy blue and white bars symbolize water, the Navy's element, and allude to the manner in which Commander Rentz gave his life to save another. The silver cross denotes his service as a Chaplain. It forms the illusion of a strengthening bond epitomizing Commander George S. Rentz's actions and service aboard the USS Houston while under enemy attack.
- Crest:** The trident, a traditional naval symbol, supports a palm wreath, reversed to indicate the posthumous nature of Commander Rentz's award. The palms signify the eventual victory in the Pacific for which he gave his life. The warheads symbolize the attack that sunk the USS Houston as well as the strength and firepower of the new FFG 46 named in Commander Rentz's honor.
- Motto:** Dark blue and gold are the colors traditionally used by the Navy and symbolize the sea and excellence.

SEAL

The complete coat of arms in full color as in the blazon upon a white oval background enclosed by a dark blue border with an outer edge of gold rope inscribed "USS RENTZ" at top and "FFG 46" in base all in gold.

SHIP'S CHARACTERISTICS

Built By Todd Pacific Shipyards
Los Angeles Division
San Pedro, California

Keel Laid: 18 September 1982

Christened 16 July 1983

Commissioned: 30 June 1984 at Long Beach Naval Station.

Displacements: 3800 Tons

Length: 453 Feet

Beam: 47 Feet

Complement: 15 Officers, 16 Chief Petty Officers, 171 Enlisted

Propulsion: • Two General Electric LM2500 Gas Turbines for 41,000 Shaft Horsepower
• One Controllable Reversible Pitch Propeller
• Two 359 Horsepower Electric Drive Auxiliary Propulsion Units

Auxiliaries: Four 1000 Kilowatt Ship's Service Diesel Generators

Speed: 30 Knots

Aircraft: Two SH-60B Seahawk Helicopters

Armament: • MK 13 Guided Missile Launcher
• HARPOON Anti-Ship Missile
• Standard Anti-Aircraft Missile
• MK 32 ASW Torpedo Tubes (Two Triple Mounts).
• MK 15 Close-in Weapon System

Combat Systems: • AN/SPS-49 Air Search Radar
• AN/SPS-55 Surface Search Radar
• MK 92 Fire Control, System
• AN/SLQ-32 Electronic Warfare System
• AN/SQS-56 Sonar
• MK 36 SRBOC Decoy System
• AN/SLQ-25 Torpedo Countermeasure System
• AN/SQQ-89 ASW Integration System
• LAMPS MK III Weapon System
• SQR-19 Tactical Towed Array Sonar



Born on July 25, 1882 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, George Snavely Rentz graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, was ordained by the Presbytery of Northumberland in 1909, and pastored churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey for eight years.

Following entry of the United States in World War I, he was appointed acting chaplain with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade and assigned to the 11th regiment of marines in France until 1919. He attained the rank of commander in 1924. Among his sea duty assignments, he served in USS Florida [BB-30], USS Augusta [CA-31]. In 1940, when the USS Houston [CA-30] relieved Augusta as flagship of the Asiatic Fleet, Commander Rentz transferred to the new arrival. It was aboard this cruiser he served so devotedly and enthusiastically, providing the ship's crew and officers with great hope and promise.

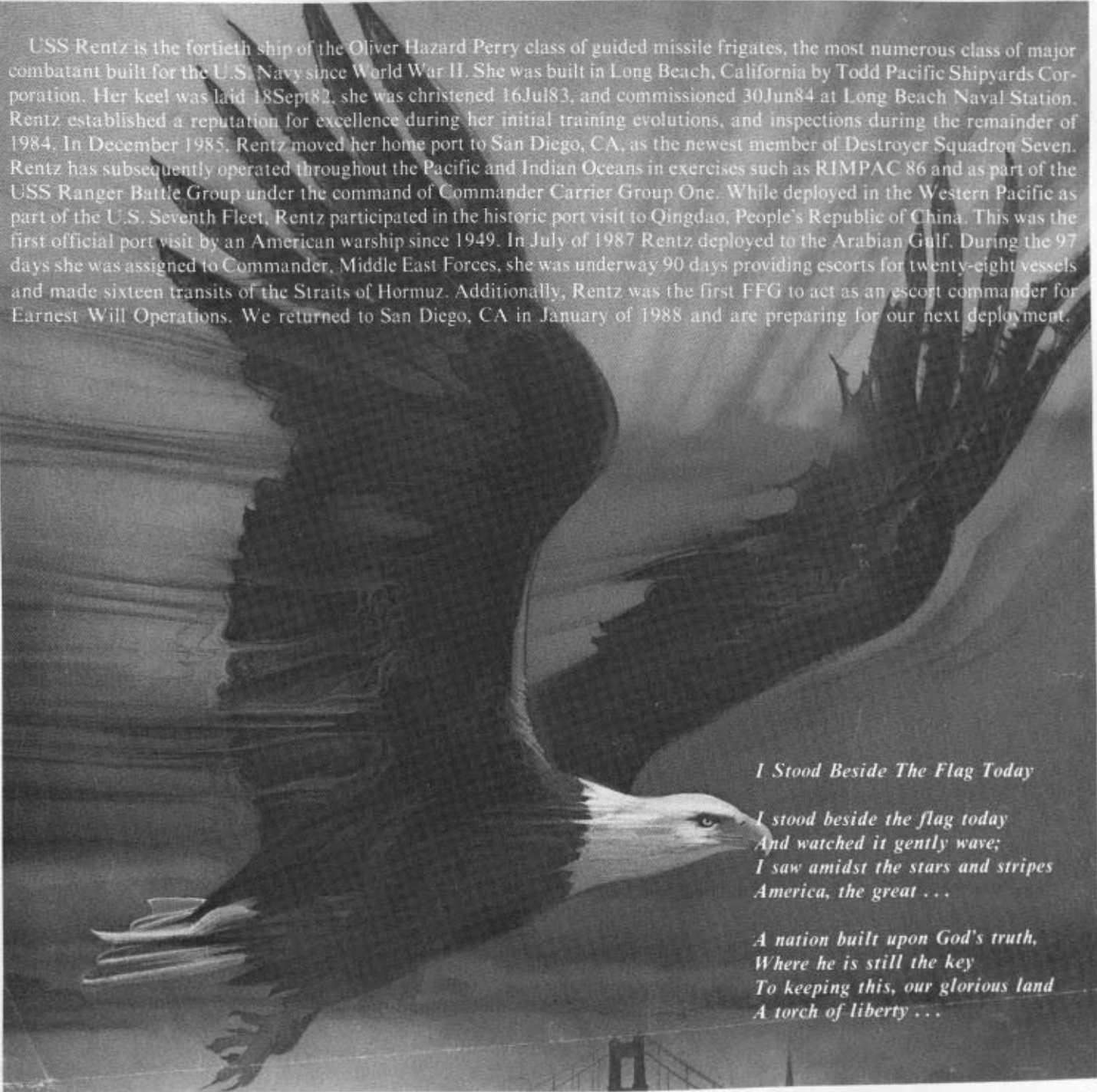
During an allied attack on February 4, 1942, Houston was under severe air attack. Commander Rentz spurned cover and circulated among the crew of the anti-aircraft battens, encouraging them. It was noted by an officer that crew members at the guns "... saw this man of God walking fearlessly among them, they no longer felt alone." In the Flores Sea, during this attack, Houston took a direct hit that disabled turret III and killed 48 men. Less than a month later

Houston was in the Battle of Java Sea with the Australian light cruiser HMAS Perth. Both ships were outnumbered by a Japanese Troop Convoy but they persisted in an ensuing melee of fire, causing such confusion as to have a Japanese destroyer fire a spread of torpedoes that passed the allied cruisers and caused four Japanese troopships close inshore to sink. All in all, the involvement was no match for the wounded Perth and Houston; the Japanese attack on these two cruisers caused them to sink; but they went down fighting to the last second ...

It was during the abandonment of Houston that Commander Rentz entered the water and attained partial safety along with other crew members on a spare main float of one Houston's lost planes. Aware of the extreme overcrowding and dangerous overloading, he attempted to relinquish his space and his life-jacket to wounded survivors nearby, declaring ... "You men are young, I have lived the major part of my life and I am willing to go." After several attempts of leaving and being brought back by his shipmates, he uplifted them with prayers and songs until, ultimately, he succeeded in placing his life-jacket near a wounded sailor who did not have one and Commander Rentz courageously slipped away into the sea on the morning of March 1, 1942.

RENTZ'S COMMAND HISTORY

USS Rentz is the fortieth ship of the Oliver Hazard Perry class of guided missile frigates, the most numerous class of major combatant built for the U.S. Navy since World War II. She was built in Long Beach, California by Todd Pacific Shipyards Corporation. Her keel was laid 18Sept82, she was christened 16Jul83, and commissioned 30Jun84 at Long Beach Naval Station. Rentz established a reputation for excellence during her initial training evolutions, and inspections during the remainder of 1984. In December 1985, Rentz moved her home port to San Diego, CA, as the newest member of Destroyer Squadron Seven. Rentz has subsequently operated throughout the Pacific and Indian Oceans in exercises such as RIMPAC 86 and as part of the USS Ranger Battle Group under the command of Commander Carrier Group One. While deployed in the Western Pacific as part of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, Rentz participated in the historic port visit to Qingdao, People's Republic of China. This was the first official port visit by an American warship since 1949. In July of 1987 Rentz deployed to the Arabian Gulf. During the 97 days she was assigned to Commander, Middle East Forces, she was underway 90 days providing escorts for twenty-eight vessels and made sixteen transits of the Straits of Hormuz. Additionally, Rentz was the first FFG to act as an escort commander for Earnest Will Operations. We returned to San Diego, CA in January of 1988 and are preparing for our next deployment.



I Stood Beside The Flag Today

*I stood beside the flag today
And watched it gently wave;
I saw amidst the stars and stripes
America, the great ...*

*A nation built upon God's truth,
Where he is still the key
To keeping this, our glorious land
A torch of liberty ...*

This is a story, in pictures, of Rentz's deployment to the Persian Gulf, in a role and a mission which not only affected the United States, but the entire world ...



CDR JAMES A. HOOPER IV
UNITED STATES NAVY

CDR James A. Hooper IV, USN, assumed command of Rentz on 22 Nov 1984 in Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. He is a 1969 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He has served in the Atlantic and Pacific fleets on a variety of ship types. His sea duty includes service on USS Mitscher [DDG-35], as ASW Officer; on USS Harlan County [LST-1196] as First Lieutenant; on USS Impervious [MSO-449] as Commanding Officer; on USS Talbot [FFG-4] as Executive Officer and most recently, on the USS New Jersey [BB-62] as Weapons Officer.

Shore assignments have been at the Naval Military Personnel Command as a rating assignment officer in the enlisted distribution division and on the staff of the Commander-In-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, in the current operations directorate as the Fleet Exercise Officer. Cdr Hooper's personal awards include the Navy commendation medal [3 awards]. CDR Hooper is married to the former Anne Trichel McHale of Harrisonburg, Louisiana. They have three children, Jason, Sarah, and James.



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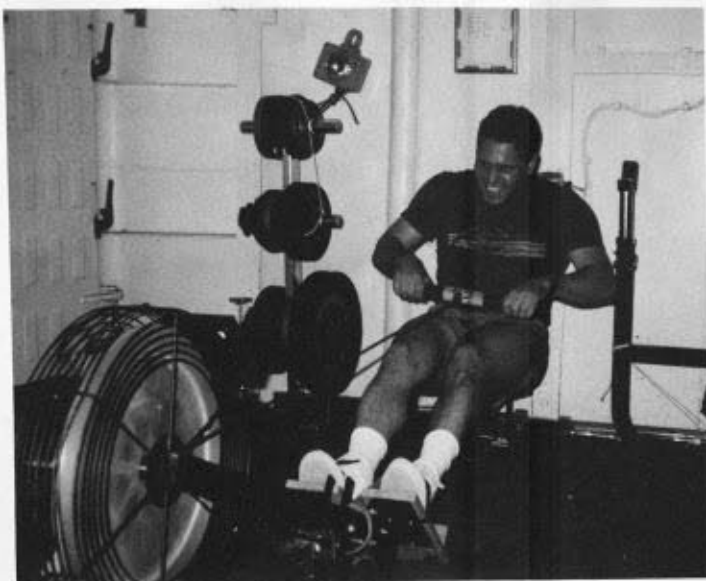
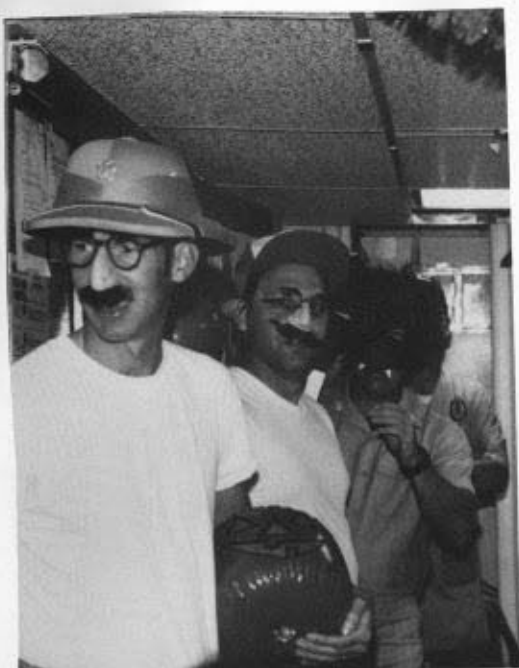


EXECUTIVE OFFICER USS RENTZ



LCDR JOSEPH CELANO, USN

A native of Glendora, New Jersey, LCDR Celano graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1976. Upon graduation, LCDR Celano was assigned as ASW Officer and later as Combat Information Center Officer on board USS BAGLEY [FF 1069] and made two deployments to the Western Pacific. From 1980 to 1982 he was assigned as Ships Systems Officer on the LAMPS III Fleet Introduction Team in Washington DC. In 1983 he received a Master's degree in Financial Management from Southern Illinois University. From 1984 to 1987 LCDR Celano was the Combat Systems Officer on board USS THACH [FFG 43] where he made one Western Pacific deployment and qualified for command at sea. He has been the Executive Officer of USS RENTZ [FFG 46] since June 1987. LCDR Celano's personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, and the National Defense Medal. LCDR Celano is married to the former Linda Gow of San Diego California. They have two children, Nicholas and Julia.



X.O.
AT
PLAY
OR "LEISURE SUIT LARRY
STRIKES AGAIN"



THE MIGHTY O'S AT PLAY



This ain't no party
This ain't no disco
This ain't no foolin' around . . .





COMMAND MASTER CHIEF



EMCM (SW) ROBERT EAMES

Past Commands Include:

- NRD Los Angeles Jan 1981-Jan 1984
- ACU-1 Oct 1978-Oct 1980
- USS Midway (CV41) Sep 1975-Oct 1978
- USS Point Loma (ADGS1)
Mar 1975-Sep 1975
- Fleet ASW Training Center Pacific
Jan 1972-Mar 1975

Personal Awards:

- 3 Navy Achievement Medals
- Meritorious Unit Commendation
- 2 Battle "E" Ribbons
- 3 Good Conduct Medals
- National Defense Medal
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- 2 Sea Service Ribbons

"LEADERSHIP"

QMCS (SW) Lynn R. Hardie

Past commands include:

- USS Saratoga (CVA60)
- USS Quapaw (ATF110)
- USS Juneau (LPD10)
- Naval Station Long Beach
- USS Tarawa (LHA1)
- USS Okinawa (LPH3)

Naval Administration Command,
Naval Training Center San Diego

Personal Awards:

- National Defense Medal
- Sea Service Ribbon
- Navy Achievement Medal
- Vietnam Service Ribbon
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Navy Expeditionary Medal





COMBAT SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT



LT. MARC E. IVERSON
COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER

The Combat Systems Department is responsible for the operation, maintenance and repair of the ship's weapons and sensor systems. The department is composed of operations specialists (OS), who conduct surface and air search, control aircraft, and gather and process the information needed to effectively maneuver and fight the ship. Electronic Warfare Specialists (/EW) who provided electronic support measures. Sonar Technicians (ST) operate and maintain passive and active search for submarines. Torpedoman Mates (TM) maintain the ship's torpedo launchers and torpedos. Fire Control Gunner's Mates, are responsible for the employment of all gunnery and missile systems. Electronics Technicians (ET) maintain and repair the electronic communications systems, navigational systems, radars, displays and test equipment. Data Systems Tech. (DS, repair and maintain computer systems, and displays. Interior Communications Electricians (IC) maintain and repair interior communications, Gyro compass and ship's alarm systems.

***** CS-1 ***** DIVISION



CS-1 DIVISION Front row sitting (L-R): OSSA Kevin O. Royster, OS3 Brently W. Higgins, OS3 Geoffrey M. McElroy, ENS Russell D. Johnson, OSSA Mathew T. Zimmerman, OS3 Mark R. Campbell. Second row sitting: EW3 Nick A. Moutos, OS3 Javier Deleon, OS2 Edward D. Sam, OSSA George F. Orr, OS2 Kenan D. Jarrett. Standing: OSC Esmerejildo Romero, Jr., OS2 John L. Hilsendager, OS2 Kenneth S. Kummerow, OS3 Joel L. Steele, OS1 David W. Devereaux, OSSA Corey S. Waide, EW2 Dale M. Enriquez, EW1 Eric A. Hansen, OS2 Donald C. Cates, OSC Keith J. MacDonald.

OPERATIONS SPECIALISTS:

Operate Radars, identification equipment, communication equipment, control fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft. Make recommendations to the commanding officer, tactical action officer and officer of the deck concerning tactical employment of the ship and its weapon systems.

ELECTRONIC WARFARE TECHNICIANS:

Intercept electronic signals, interpret data from intelligence publications, signals and reports. Informs the commanding officer and the officer of the deck of threat signals and recommend appropriate counter measures.





Persian Gulf formal attire, as demonstrated by EW1 "Buff" Hansen.



"Hey, how do you get rid of counterfeit money? Well, I always put it in the church collection plate ..."



Diamond Dave, "This time I'll be ready!"

More people we can do without: People with large gums and small teeth, brain surgeons with tattoos on his hands that say born to lose, or any man who's arm hair completely covers his watch ...



What time is it? It is either 6:15 or Mickey has a woody ...



Chief Mac's words to live by: "People we can do without: Guy's in their 50's named Skip, a dentist with blood in his hair ..."

***** CS-2 ***** DIVISION



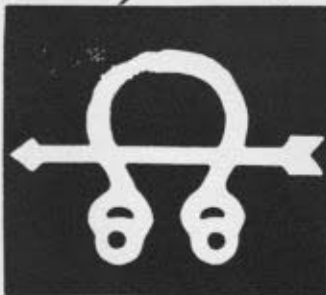
CS-2 DIVISION First row left to right: STG2 Steven B. Patrick, STG2 Luke E. Martinez, STG2 Albert Guerrero, ENS Ernest C. Helme, III Second row: STGCS James M. Head, Jr., TM1 Timothy E. Reding, STG2 James E. English, STG2 Mark S. Grisham, STGC Stuart J. Waddell

SONAR TECHNICIAN:

These men are responsible for search, detection, and localization of enemy submarines. They operate and repair sonar and associated equipments. Also perform underwater navigation.

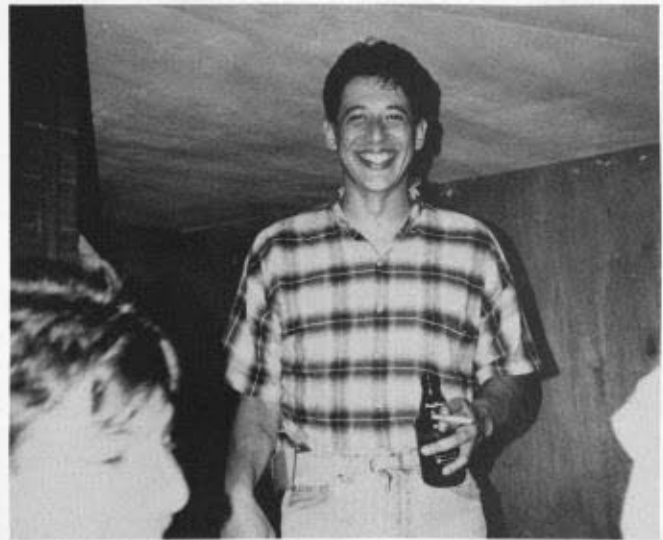
TORPEDOMAN'S MATE:

Maintains and operates the MK-32 torpedo tubes and associated equipments. Prepares torpedoes and loads them for launch during anti-submarine attacks.





ASWO: "I know there's a sub out here."



TM1 REDING: "How about you, SRB is up, guard III I can do it"



STG2 Grish-Man: Ah, it's water, what's it going to be in a thousand years, water ...



Hot lips, cold beer, what else can a man ask for ...



CS-2: Working out; O.K. TM1 just two more and you would have broken the record of four sit-ups ...

***** CS-3 *****
DIVISION



CS-3 DIVISION First row left to right: FCC Raymond B. Stewart, GMM1 Marty L. Brackin, FC3 Peter T. Carter, FC2 Ronald E. McBroom, FC2 Chris L. Hevner, FC2 Kevin J. Cummins, GMG3 George L. Conley, Jr., GMG2 Michael W. Hosier, FCC Timothy Killian Second row: ENS Stephen Masi, GMCS David R. Baker, GMG1 Fred A. Vanauken, FC2 Kevin C. Wildhagen, GMM3 Blake A. Gergen, FC2 Bryon D. Moore, FC2 Fernando O. Detrinidad, FC1 James E. Putnam, FC2 Silverio Flores, Jr., GMMC Raul F. Andrews

GUNNER'S MATE:

Operate and maintain the MK-75 76mm/62 caliber gun mount and the MK113 MOD 4 guided missile launcher system.

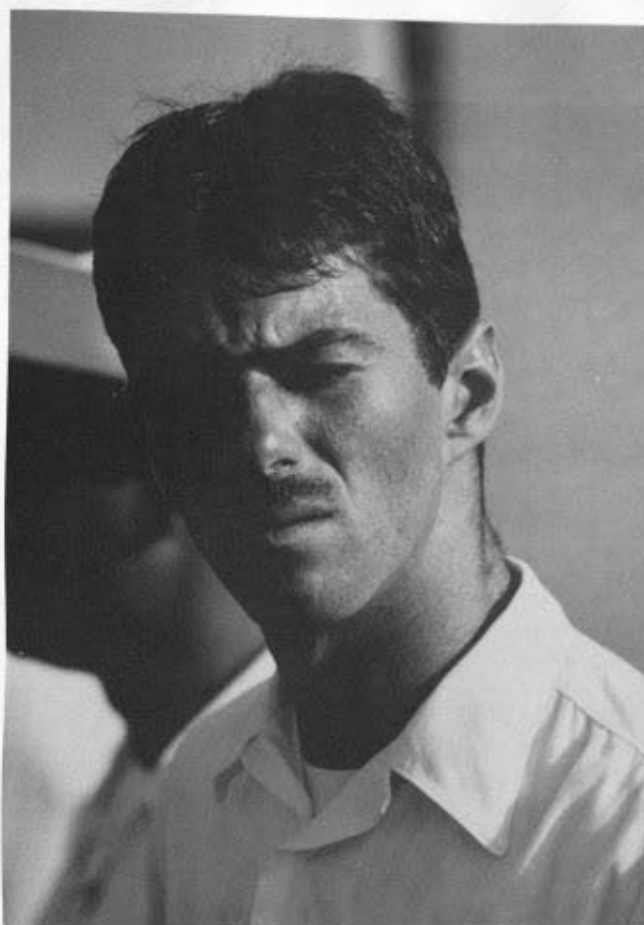
FIRE CONTROL TECHNICIAN:

Operate and maintain the ship's MK92 weapons fire control equipment.





CIWS: The ship's last defense system. Capable of 3000 rds per min.



FC2 Wild Child: Hey, get that light out of my face . . .



FC2 Moore: Ship, ship, oh that ship . . .



GM2 Conley: They can hit me in the head, they can hit me in the arm, but they can't hit me in the . . . !

***** CS-4 ***** DIVISION



CS-4 DIVISION First row left to right: ICC Ethan C. Busby, Jr., ET3 Jaimy N. Spaven, ETC Gilbert Suarez Second row: IC2 Jason T. Sinnard, ET2 John D. Stetter, ET2 Jeffrey E. Bentley, ET2 Frederick S. Nutter Third row: ET2 James B. Cunningham, III, DS2 Gregory J. Thielen, Ens. Frederick W. Rischmiller

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN:

Responsible for the maintenance and repair of shipboard radio communications, radars, computer and peripheral equipment.

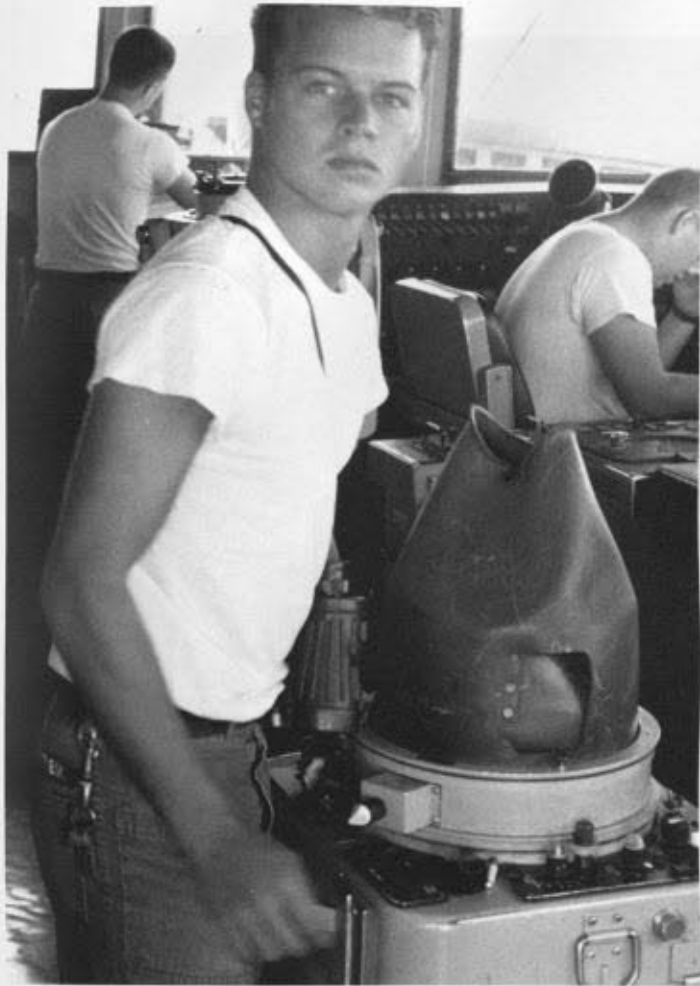
DATA SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN:

Responsible for the maintenance and repair of shipboard computers and peripheral equipment.

INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN:

Responsible for the maintenance and repair of shipboard communications equipment, alarm and warning systems, and navigation equipment.





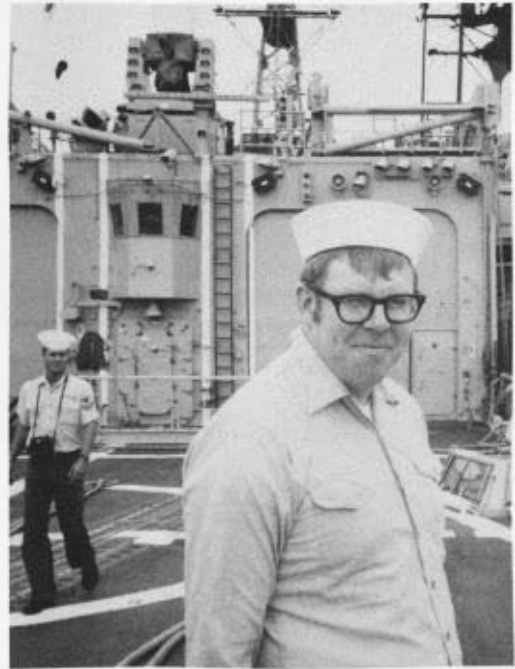
ET2 STETTER: "I can't believe I got my zipper caught in this again."



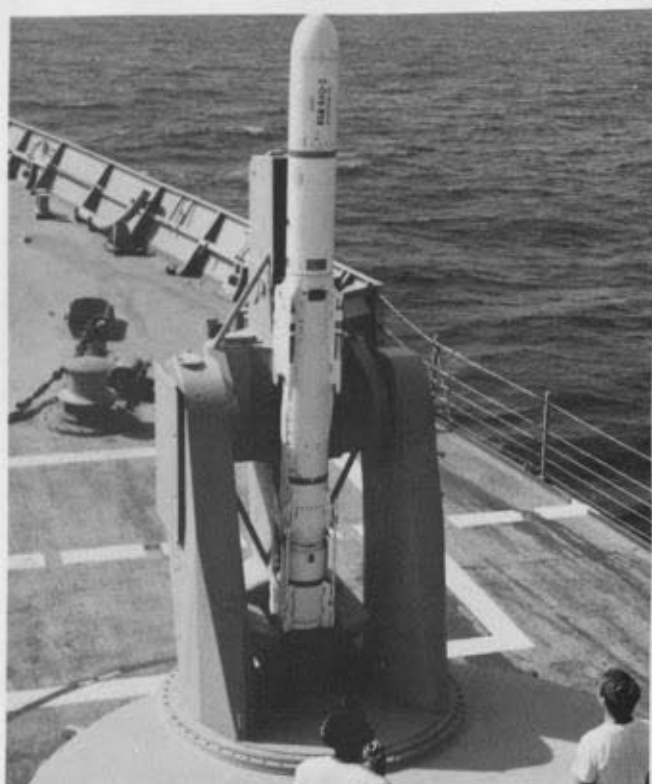
ET3 SPAVEN: "Gee Mom, it followed me home, can I keep it?"



ET2 NUTTER and ET2 BENTLEY: "Nah, I'm not going to do it, so there . . ."



ET2 CUMMINGHAM: "They can look all they want, but they're not going to find that pie . . ."



GUNNER BAKER in conversation: Yes dear, yes dear, yes dear, bread and milk . . .







SHIP CONTROL DEPARTMENT



LT. JIM WARREN: Ship Control Officer while the Rentz was deployed. He was instrumental in coordinating the many escort missions Rentz provided.

The ship control department is responsible for safe navigation of the ship, external electronic and visual communications, hull maintenance and preservation, deck seamanship and helicopter operations. The department is composed of quartermasters who are responsible for safe navigation. Boatswain's mates who are responsible for the maintenance and preservation of the ship's hull and superstructure, deck seamanship evolutions including anchoring, mooring replenishment at sea and conducting helicopter operations. Radiomen who operate various electronic communications systems to ensure good external radio comms, as well as processing all hard copy message traffic, and signalmen who are responsible for processing all visual message traffic sent or received via flags, flashing light or semaphore.



LT. ED FALCON: Relieved the acting ship control officer while in BAHRAIN, (A small island nation in the Persian Gulf).

***** SC-1 *****

DIVISION



SC-1 DIVISION Front row left to right: SM2 Paul R. Fecteau, QM2 Richard D. Dunwell, SM3 Eric J. Booth, SM3 Thomas J. Schaeffer Back Row: QMCS Lynn R. Hardie, SM1 David V. Roberts, QMSN Rodney C. Heinrich, QM2 David W. Olson

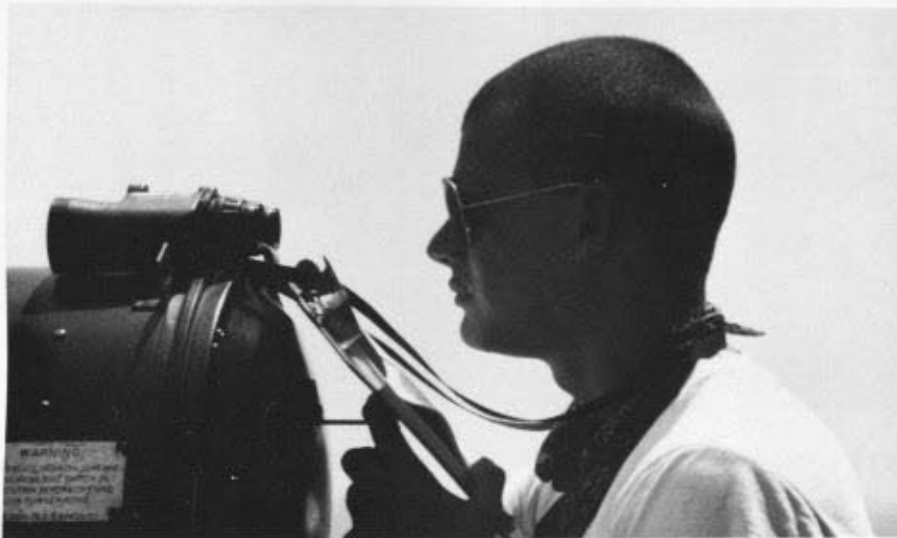
QUARTERMASTER:

Responsible to the navigator and commanding officer for the safe navigation of the ship in inland waters and open seas. Accomplishes this task by the use of terrestrial, celestial and electronic plotting of the ship's position.

SIGNALMEN:

Responsible for all visual communications including flashing light flag hoists, semaphore, pyrotechnics. When not involved in communications, function as lookouts. These men were vital to the visual identification of many ships.





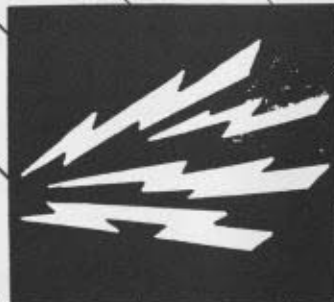
***** SC-2 ***** DIVISION



SC-2 DIVISION First row left to right: RM2 Thomas E. Crouse, RMSN John W. Frey, III, RM3 David A. Banfill, RM2 Bruce R. Lewis, RMSN Napoleon A. Akridge Second row: Ens John R. Matson, RMSN Jerry E. Remington, RMSN Jeffrey S. Monroe, RMSN Rodney Salinas, RM3 Harold L. Rousch, III, RM3 James H. Ries, Jr., RMC Gregory N. Fontaine (Not pictured RM1 David R. Stewart)

RADIOMEN:

These men are responsible for providing and maintaining long range communications between the ship and fleet commanders and tactical communications within the task group.





***** SC-3 *****
DIVISION



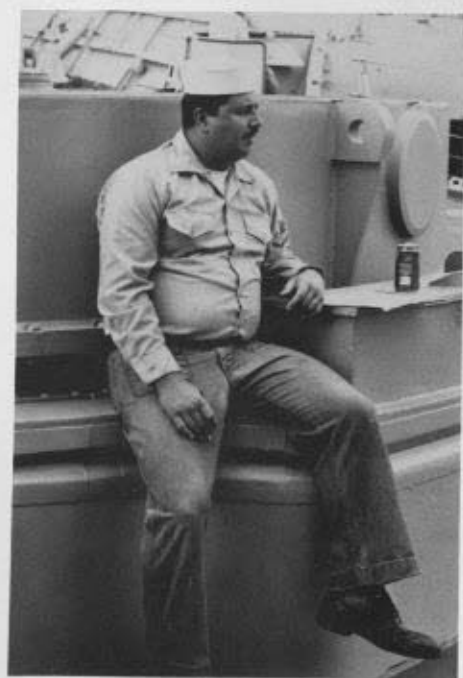
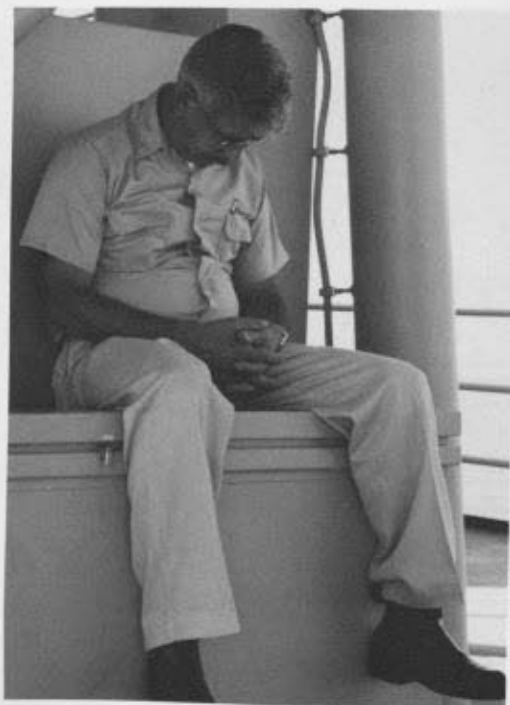
SC-3 DIVISION Front row left to right: SN Albert C. Young, Jr., SN Michael L. Pierce, BM2 Clyde K. Brownback, BM3 Patrick J. Caldwell, BM3 Randy S. Bush, BM2 Wayne M. Reddig, BM3 James A. Bailey Second row: BM3 David L. Copeland, SN Gerald Lopez, SN Mark A. Trujillo, SN Martin S. Mendez, SN Jeffrey W. Sellers, SN Jerry E. Roberts, Jr., SN Michael S. Szakacs, SN George F. Masters, BM1 James D. Firminger, Jr. Third row: SN Sean E. Lucero, SN Willie D. Boyd, BM3 Russell E. Horton, SN James L. Fox, SN Frank J. Daley, II, SN James F. Cope (Not pictured: SN Ralph E. Tiller)

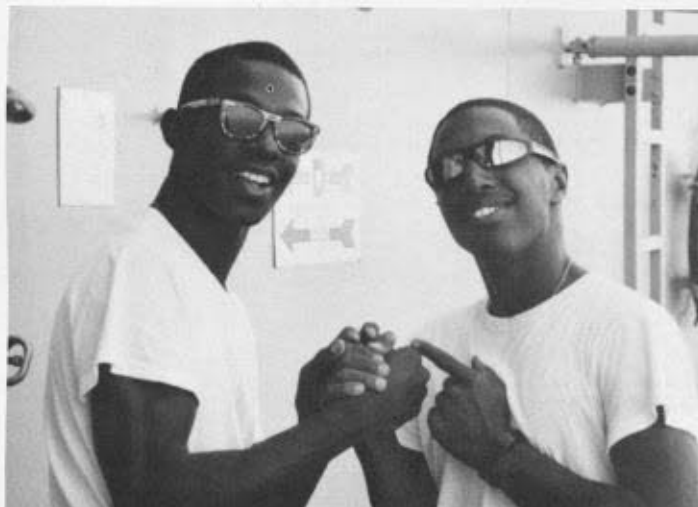
BOATSWAIN'S MATE

The Boatswain's Mate is the oldest [senior] rating in the navy and one of the most difficult. Boatswain's Mates are responsible for all deck seamanship evolutions, cleanliness and preservation of the ship's exterior, and maintenance of the ship's lifeboats. These men were the eyes of the ship, providing lookout watches for enemy aircraft and ships. They were men who drive the ship from the ship control console, and they were the men who were on mine hunting watch.











"C'mon guys I just know I can get him, gimme one more chance."



... "And you'll never believe where this one was!"

"I can't believe he did it, did you see that hook?"

"This is the last time, never again, never! Do you hear?"



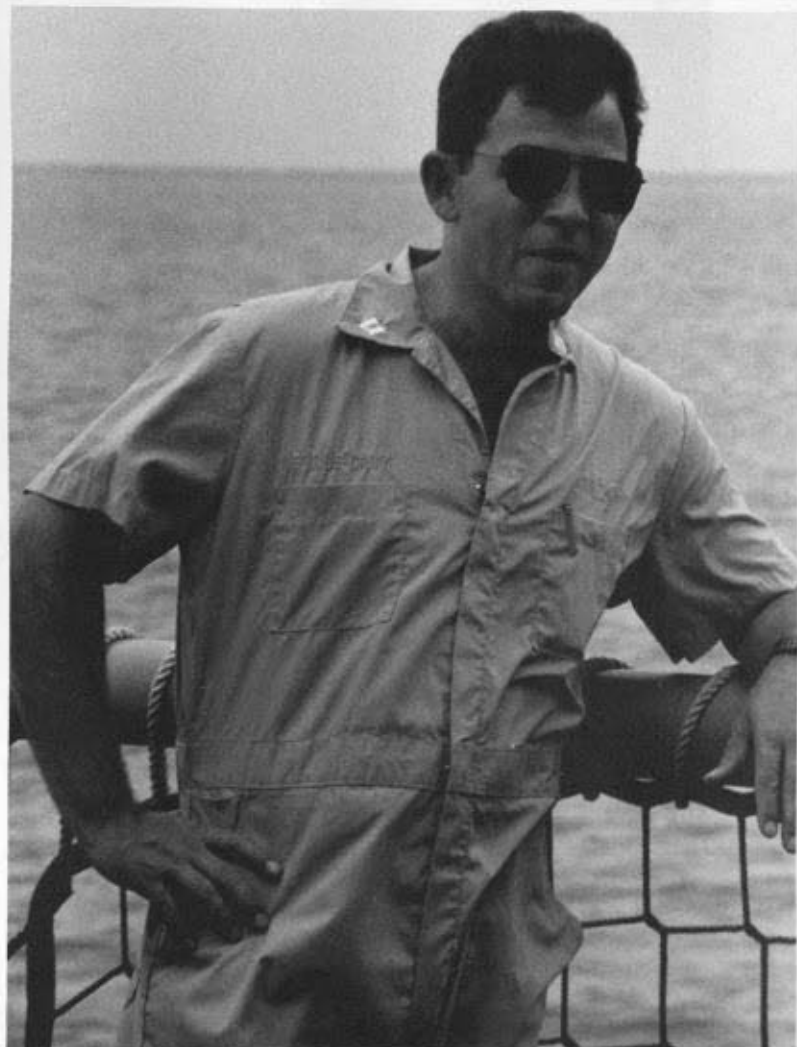


The "Changing of the guard" for the engineering department took place in Pearl Harbor when LCDR David A. Hamel departed for USS Curts, as XO, and was replaced by Lt. George P. Croy.

The chief engineer is directly responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repair of the ship's propulsion and auxiliary equipment. The department is made up of three divisions. E-1 Division is made up of gas turbine mechanical (GSM) and gas turbine electrician (GSE) technicians. E-2 Division is manned by enginemen (EN) and electrician mates (EM). E-3 Division includes hull technicians (HT), damage controlmen (DC) and machinery repairmen (MR).

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

*WE PROVIDE THE
RIDE*



***** E-1 *****

DIVISION



E-1 DIVISION Front row left to right: GSEC George H. Kulp, III, FN William R. McNutt, GSM1 Steven J. Kolanowski Second row: GSE1 Rolando R. Yco, GSM2 Randy L. Bruning, GSE3 Dennis E. Frey, GSE1 Carlos M. Ramirez, CWO3 Allan J. Thome Third row: GSM1 Merle G. Willard, GSM2 Eustaquio Rivera, Jr., GSM3 Michael P. Wischnewski, GSE2 James K. Zerkle Fourth row: GSE2 Lee T. Coombs, GSM3 Jay F. Duellman, GSM2 Steven W. Copeland, GSE2 Jeffrey C. Dean

The gas turbine rating is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the ship's two LM 2500 gas turbine engines and their many associated subsystems. In addition, the electronic control circuitry needed for starting, stopping, and monitoring the gas turbine engines and its many auxiliary systems are maintained by the ship's gas turbine technicians.

GSE11 Ramirez knows everything about the "EPCC" but were afraid to ask.



We provide the ride.



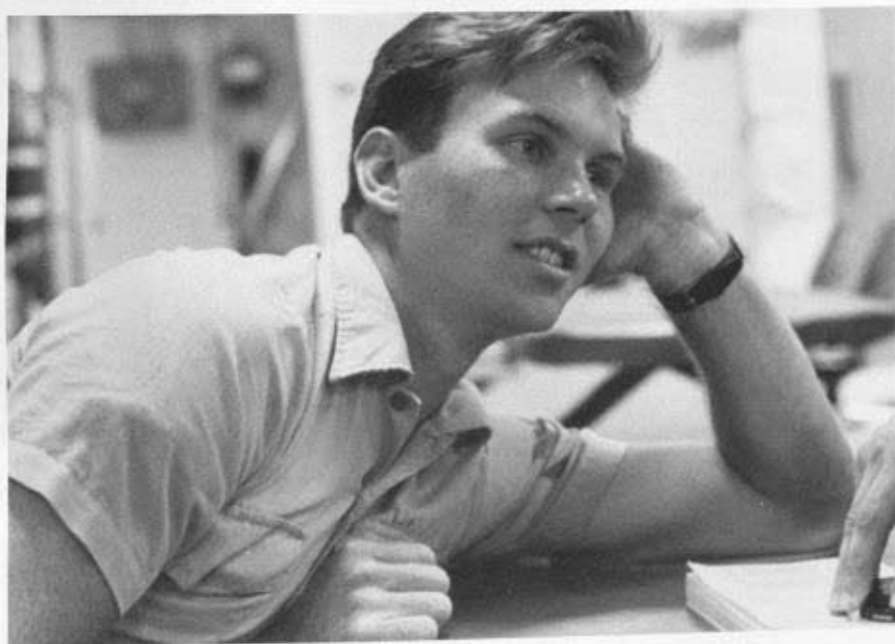
"Who said deployments were such a bad deal?"



Ski says, "I just want to kill something."



A fine example of Persian Gulf yachting attire.



Dreaming of liberty call.

E-2 Division



E-2 DIVISION First row left to right: EN3 James R. Rumsey, EN3 Timothy M. Gribbon, EN3 Robert J. Leicher, FA Jason C. Fisher, EN3 Charles G. Britton Second row: EN2 Paul F. Good, EM2 Jesus C. Bertulfo, EM2 Filmore D. Hemis, EM3 Nathaniel Roots, ENC Herman R. Monton, ENS Jeffrey D. O'Connell Third row: EMCS Robert Eames, EN2 Ronald L. Blevens, II, EM3 Carl F. Moore, EN Stephen L. Alvarez, EN3 Lawrence A. Sanchez, EN3 Randy C. Cole



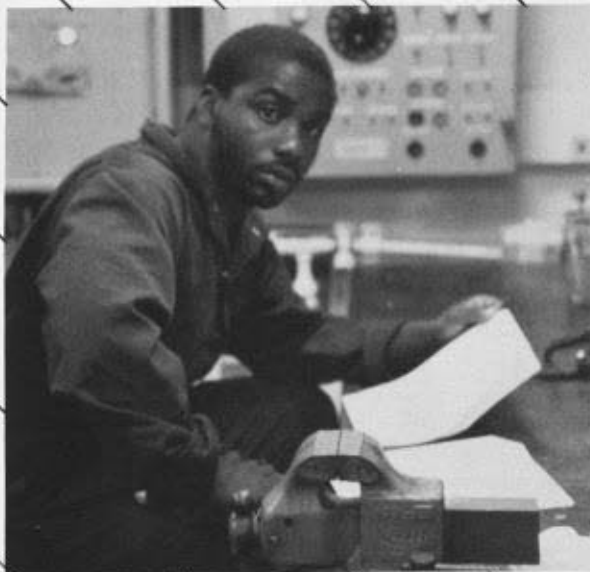
Enginemen are responsible for maintaining various systems which provide life support to the ship's personnel, such as potable water, air conditioning/refrigeration and diesel engines for electricity.



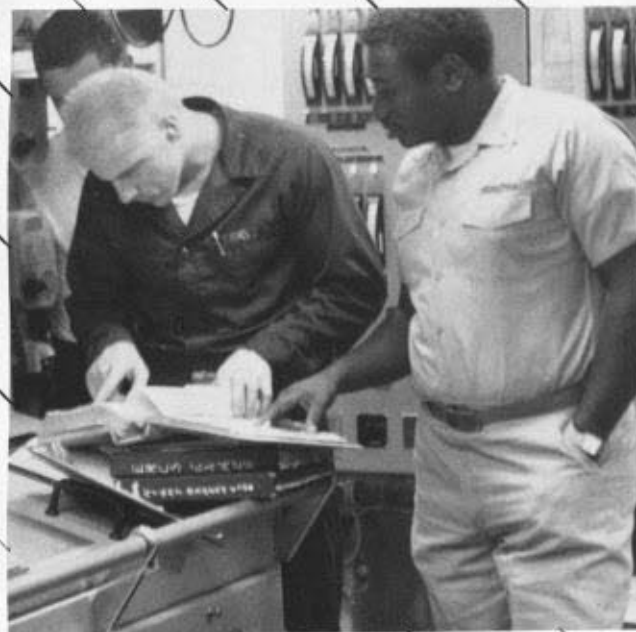
Electricians mates are responsible for the operation, maintenance and repair of motors, generators and the power and lighting distribution system, by utilizing a wide variety of test equipment.



The end of the deployment and the end of his "tour of duty" on board Rentz, brings a big smile to the face of this 2nd class engineman.



"And I say the "Lakers" can trash the "Celtics" any day of the week, Petty Officer Yco"



"Yep senior, it fits . . . a five letter engineering word for intercourse—screw.



"E = IxR huh?" "Yeah, that's the ticket!"



"Shoot, I lost count!" "Now let me see, was that 109 forks and 100 knives, or the other way around?"

E-3 DIVISION



E-3 DIVISION Left to right: ENS James P. Melendez, MR1 Agapito O. Florendo, HT1 Gerard W. Gill, HT3 William J. Allen, HT3 Scott A. Jump, HT1 Mark A. Trainer, HTFA David T. Bussing, HT2 Richard L. Taylor

Hull Maintenance technicians repair and maintain the ship's hull and piping systems and until recently were solely responsible for all damage control systems and equipment.

Damage controlmen are one of the newest ratings in the Navy. They are responsible for the damage control systems and equipment and are key players in training the ship's crew in all phases of damage control.

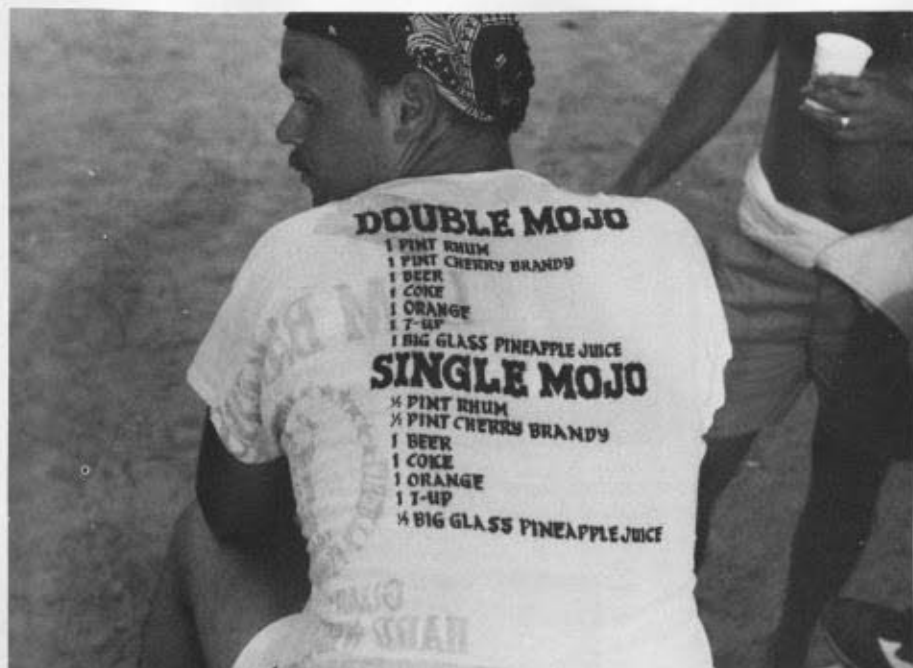
Machinery repairmen are the ship's machinists. They make precision repairs to machinery and are often called upon to manufacture emergency parts from scratch.



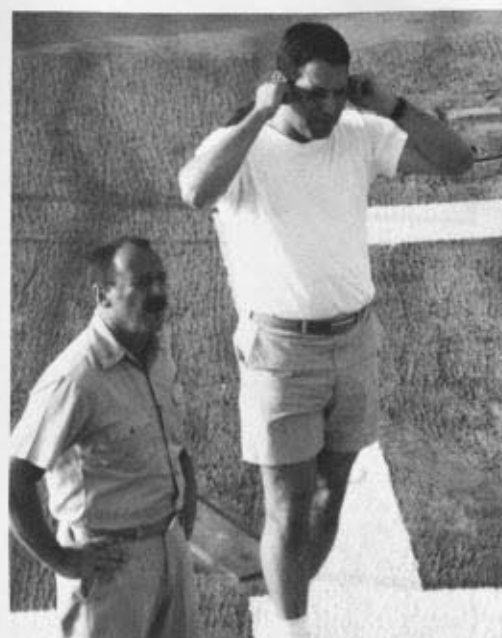
*"Not with charms, but with Blood
& Iron, shall a nation be moulded
at last . . .*

— Swinburne

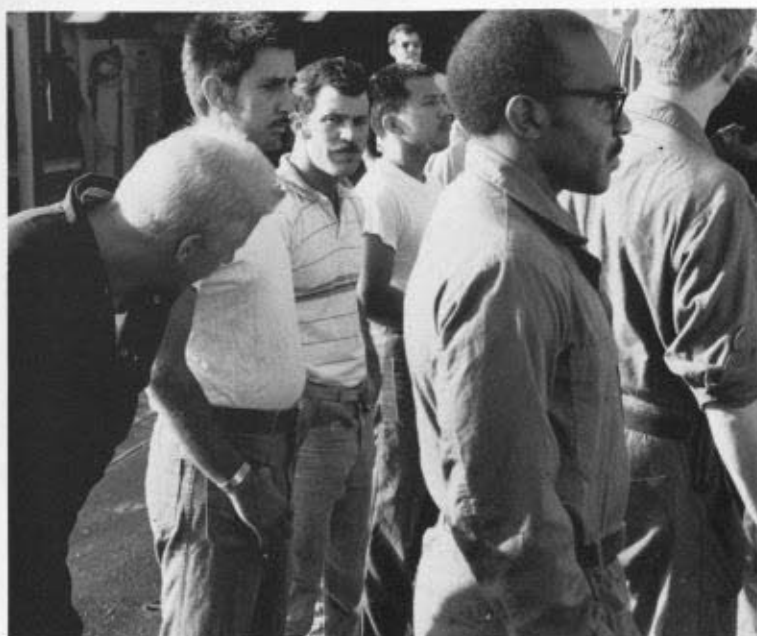




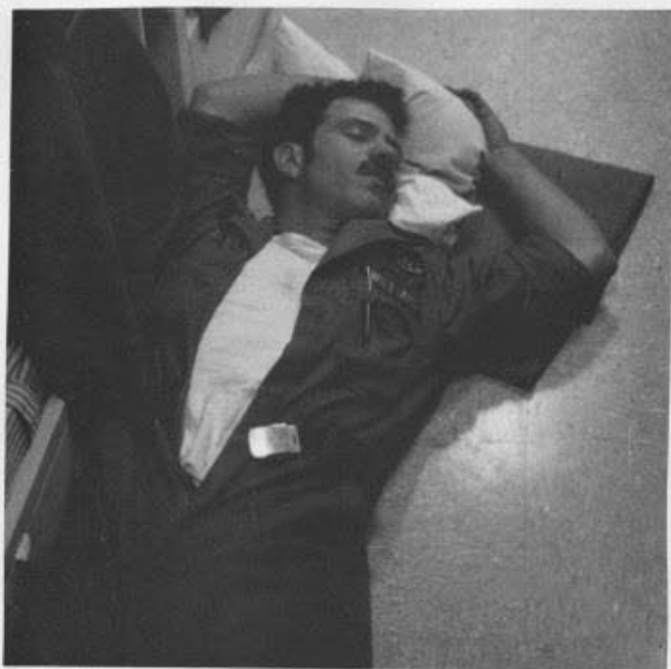
A true P.I. mixed drink ...



A real P.I. delicacy.



Zip up your zipper.



A few extra hours of sleep, preparing for that first night of liberty in three weeks.



"I love you, no sheet, sailor boy."



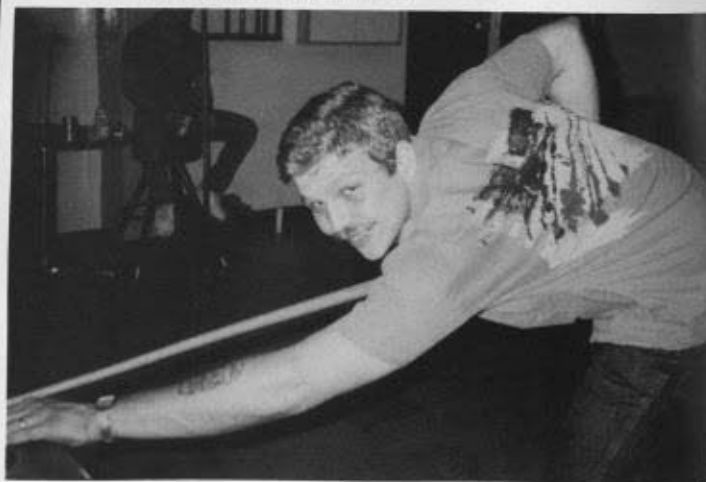
Bargaining with the natives for those "priceless treasures".



"Laying Plans" for the rest of the evening: Subic Bay, this Bud's for you."



A few spare minutes to write home before "liberty call" goes down.



Practical application of geometry and physics, so important to the engineman rating.



"... And this is what I had for lunch."



Life is hard here in the gulf.



"Whose name didn't I call?"



You sure you can tap that dating service? O.K., she should be blonde, built and five feet six inches tall . . . is rich an option?

"What? No sun today! I wonder if I can get a sun lamp from somebody . . .



O.K. guys, class is in session, rule #1 don't eat up all your profits, if your out of a certain item say it's on order . . .



Hey take a picture why don't you. It will last longer . . .

***** SUPPORT DEPARTMENT *****



LT. ROBERT D. MARCINEK
SUPPORT OFFICER

The Support Department is composed of many ratings and provides numerous services to Rentz. The mess management specialist (MS) and food servicemen are responsible for preparing and serving all meals aboard. Ship's servicemen (SH) operate the ship's store, laundry, vending machines, and barber shop. Storekeepers (SK) procure, receive, stow, and issue all required repair parts for the ship. The disbursing clerk (DK) maintains the crew pay records. Yeomen (YN) and personnelmen (PN) handle individual service record maintenance and various types of command correspondence and files. The hospital corpsman (HM) is the ship's medical representative and provides routine as well as emergency care. The chief master at arms (MAA) is responsible for shipwide order and discipline. The 3-M coordinator coordinates shipboard maintenance.

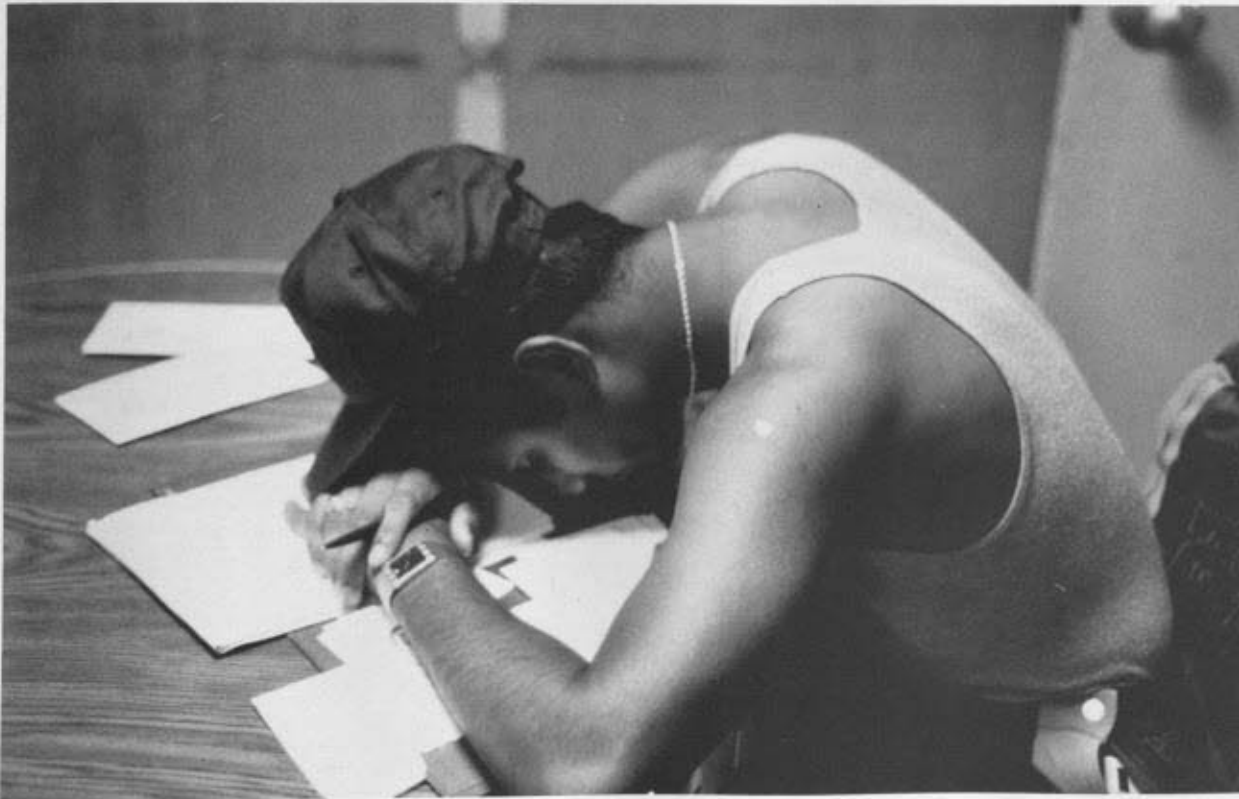
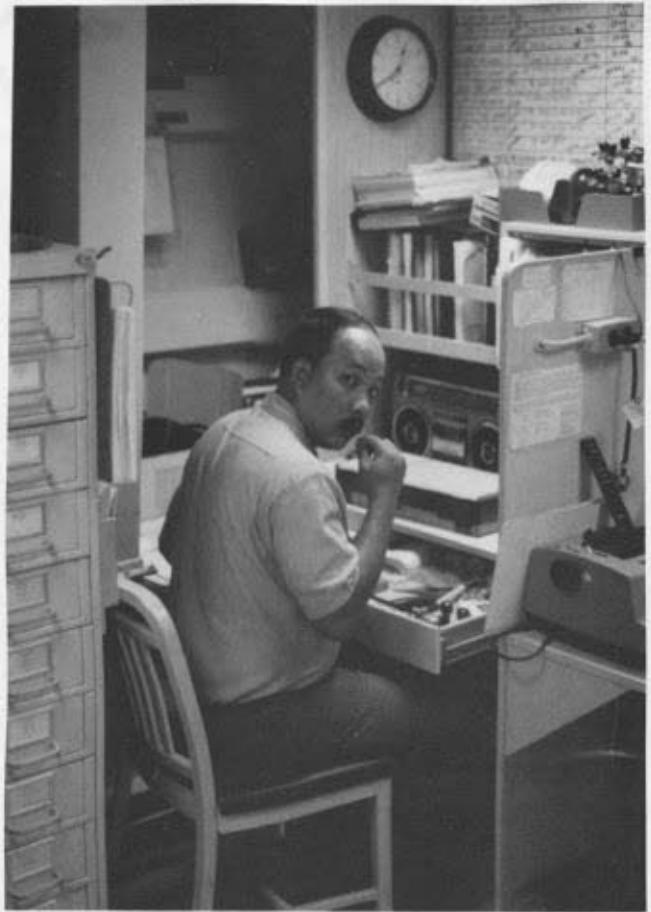
*****S-1***** DIVISION



S-1 DIVISION Front Row Left to Right: SK1 Frank Q. Santiago, SK3 Jacques E. Schmitz, SKSN Sanjay Mani Back Row: Lt. Robert D. Marcinek, SK2 David J. Conn, SKC Jimmy L. Shirley

Storekeepers order, receive, issue and store ship's operating and maintenance supplies, and maintains the ships budget.





"I'd rather be golfing"

*****S-2***** DIVISION



S-2 DIVISION AND MESS CRANKS First row left to right: OSSN George F. Orr, MS3 John W. Hackney, MS2 Armando P. Angeles, SK3 Jacques E. Schmitz, DS3 Timothy M. Thompson, HTFN David T. Bussing Second row: MSC Thomas O'Connor, MS3 Howard J. Scholzen, MS2 Craig M. Manchester, MS2 Stuart B. Stewart, MS2 Jessie Edwards, OSSA Corey S. Waide Third row: MS3 Ward C. Brom, EWSN Robert A. Garrard, BM3 James A. Bailey, GMM3 Blake A. Gergen, FN Jeffrey A. Cook, RMSN Rodney Salinas, DK1 Chris D. Olivarez (Not pictured: MSC Martin E. Smith and MS1 Robert L. Struckman)

MESS MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS:

These men are responsible for preparation of wholesome and nutritious meals for both the officer and enlisted messes. They are also responsible for proper administration of procurement and storage evolutions associated with ship's provisioning. In addition, they are charged with maintenance of proper levels of food service sanitation and positive customer service which play a key role in sustaining high crew morale.





Uncle Manny crooning the crowd

Culinary Art



Putting on the feed bag

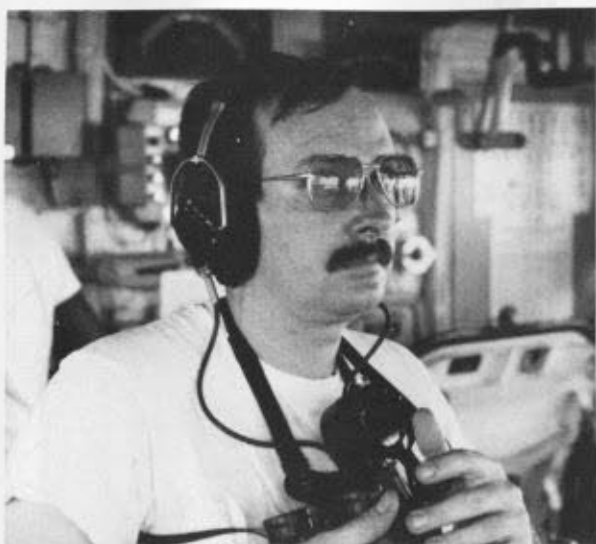
*****S-3***** DIVISION



S-3 DIVISION First row left to right: SHSN Guy W. Gordon, DK1 Chris D. Olivarez Second row: SH1 Thomas M. Martinez, LTJG Daniel J. McNeilan, SH2 Robert M. Harkness (Not pictured: SH3 Michael W. Larkey)

S-3 Division is composed of ship's servicemen. Ship's servicemen operate the ship's store, barber shop, laundry and soda fountain. Profits generated in the ship's store go toward the ship's recreation fund and the procurement of laundry and barber supplies.





Lt. McNiell drives the ship as one of his collateral duties



DK1 Olivarez "Come back during office hours"



SH3 Larkey . . . service with a smile



SH2 Vezina . . . plankowner departing

*****S-4***** DIVISION



S-4 DIVISION Left to right: PNC Steve W. Feezor, MA1 Stanley A. Arthur, Jr., YN1 Richard J. Brendle, PC3 James E. Lentz, HM1 William C. Culpepper, Jr., HN Daniel D. Morin

POSTAL CLERK:

Operate Navy Post Offices, perform postal counter work, process mail and maintain postal equipment; disestablish Navy Post Offices.

PERSONNELMAN:

Responsible for enlisted personnel placement and determining eligibility for various programs; charged with the custody and maintenance of enlisted service records determines eligibility for various pays and allowances.

HOSPITAL CORPSMAN:

Responsible for providing health care to crew and sanitation inspections of food service spaces, and crew living spaces

MASTER-AT-ARMS:

Responsible for good order and discipline of the crew and for conducting onboard investigations of reported offenses.

YEOMAN:

Responsibilities include ship's files, ticklers, incoming and outgoing correspondence, recorders, maintaining up to date directives, maintenance of officers service records, the officer service records, the officer's diary and orders.

DISBURSING CLERK:

Maintains crews pay records, prepares payrolls. Prepares public vouchers for payment of ship's bills.

ALL IN A DAYS WORK



BABY DOC: "This motrin is highly halucinogenic"



YN1: "With just the right turn I can get max sun, dude . . ."



DOC: I'll be giving out medical benefits today, so make sure your shot record is up to date . . ."



PNC: "You want it when?"



Being a cop is a tough job, but somebody has to do it.



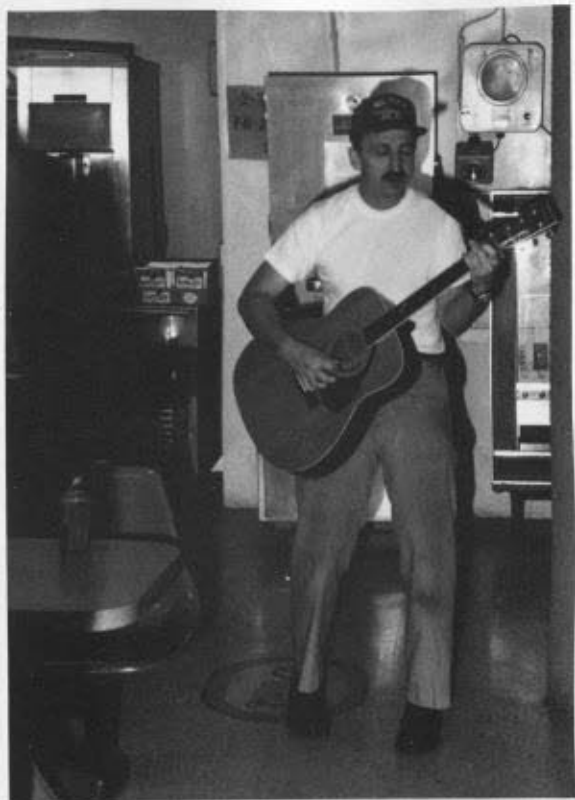
"Four score and seven years ago . . ."



"What do you mean you won't eat it!?"



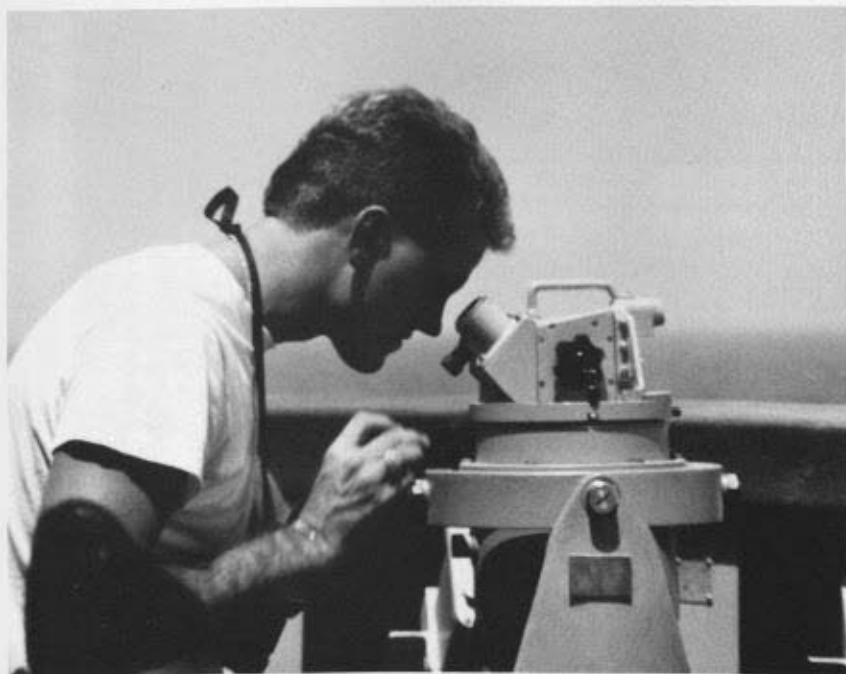
"Don't worry sir, your wife will never know."



"... And for my next tune, "I Can't Get No Satisfaction."



"Hey sir, where's the beef?"



There goes her shirt, there goes her pants ...



"Okay Flo, where are we?"



Oceanlord 25 and 26 were attached to the Rentz while deployed. Though the primary mission of the lamps it to conduct anti-submarine warfare, the role was shifted to one of mine detection, ESM, and over the horizon targeting. The aircraft gave Rentz a versatile weapon. The men who flew and repaired the aircraft are true professionals.

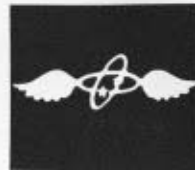


AIR DEPARTMENT:

AMS1 Edward Sawa, AMSAA Robert Vaughn, AW2 Kenneth Laws, AD2 Scott Pope, AZ2 James Faulk, AE1 Michael Styranko Jr, LCDR Greg Hoffman, LT Mark Steers, LTJG Robert Muxlow, AW3 Steven Duden, AE2 Randall Preston, AE2 Deric Monroe, AW2 Charles Vinson, LT Mark Tate, LT Jeffrey Nickerson, LTJG Michael Downes, ATCS Doug Howell, AD2 Terry Anderson, AT2 Kenneth Heebner.



LCDR Greg Hoffman: "I know I lost that dime in here."



Home once again. Oceanlord 26 comes in for a safe landing. "Hey, you got any change for the parking meter?"

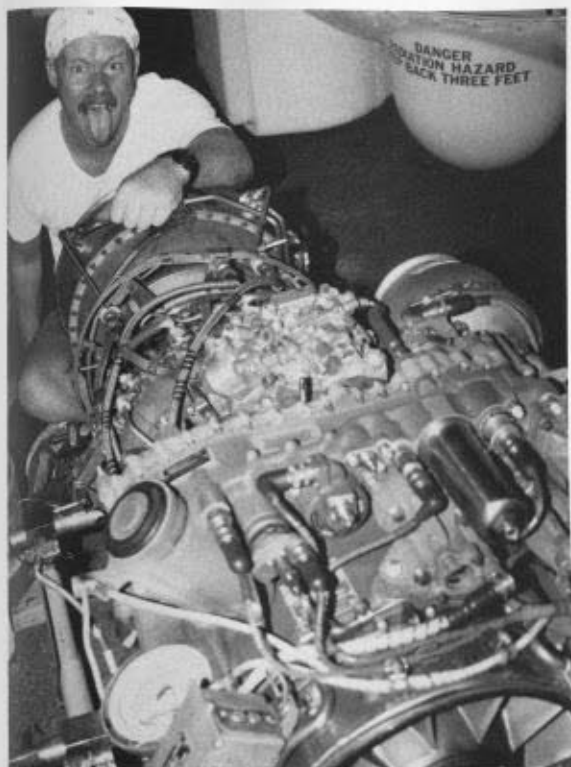
Hi, I'm Billy Bob Blue Baker for Bud, or was that Miller, oh well, it sure is cold . . .



The air det taking some time off as the Oceanlord is folded and made ready to be put in the hanger.



"Ataco pilot, ah . . . I don't think we can park here." Look at the size of this baby . . .



AD2 Pope loses some of his sanity while working on one of the helos engines in 113 degree weather of the Persian Gulf . . .



LTJG Muxlow he is steppin lively, and know wonder why? Is there a full bag under that suit or maybe its chow time?

Mail anyone? This airman is on his way up, up in to the great unknown after delivering a long awaited letter from home . . .



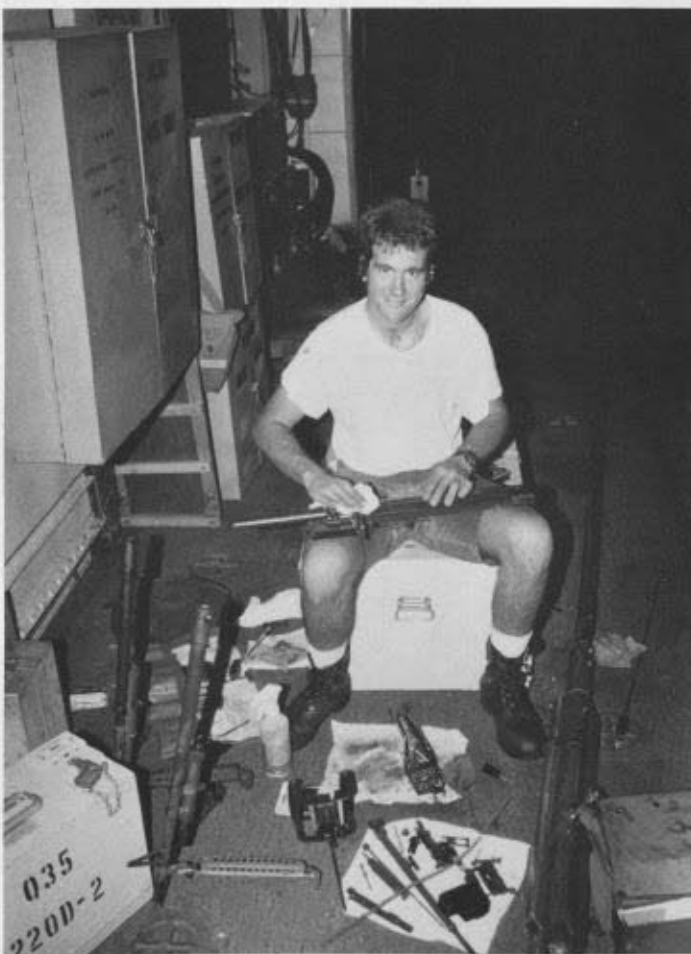
AMS1 Sawa and AW2 Vinson: "I bet we can hit the top of the hanger . . . No you can't, the manual only said we can take it up halfway . . .!"



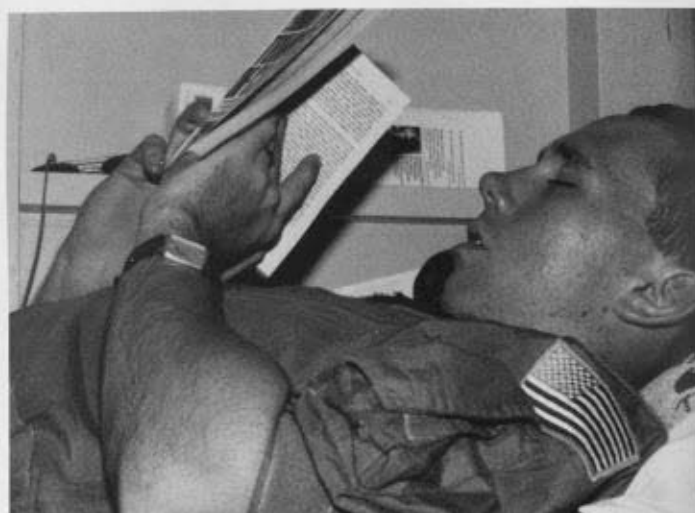
AE1 Styranko: "When the bird was up-, most of the det took time out to reflect the ways of the world . . ." He looks really thirsty, too.



Ask the chief he knows . . . Well maybe the chiplight isn 't that important . . .



The aircraft were fitted with twin M60's. AW3 Duden maintained and operated the weapons



LTJG Downs is demonstrating the braille method of reading.



Nobody does it better . . .



Blue
and Gold
teams



On the job. The blue and gold teams ensured there was always a green deck for our Oceanlord. Our helo's were flying 24 hours a day while operating in the Persian Gulf.



Texaco time. The service couldn't be better, SH60B conducting a hifer (refueling)

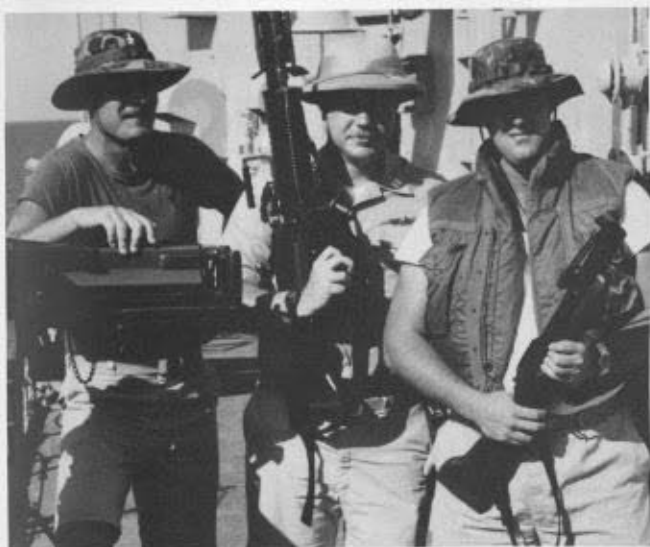
GLADIATORS



The Gladiators—
prepared to defend



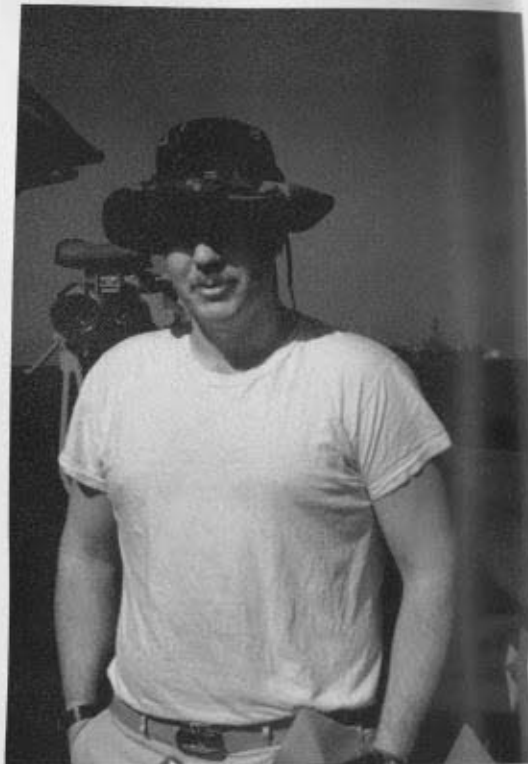
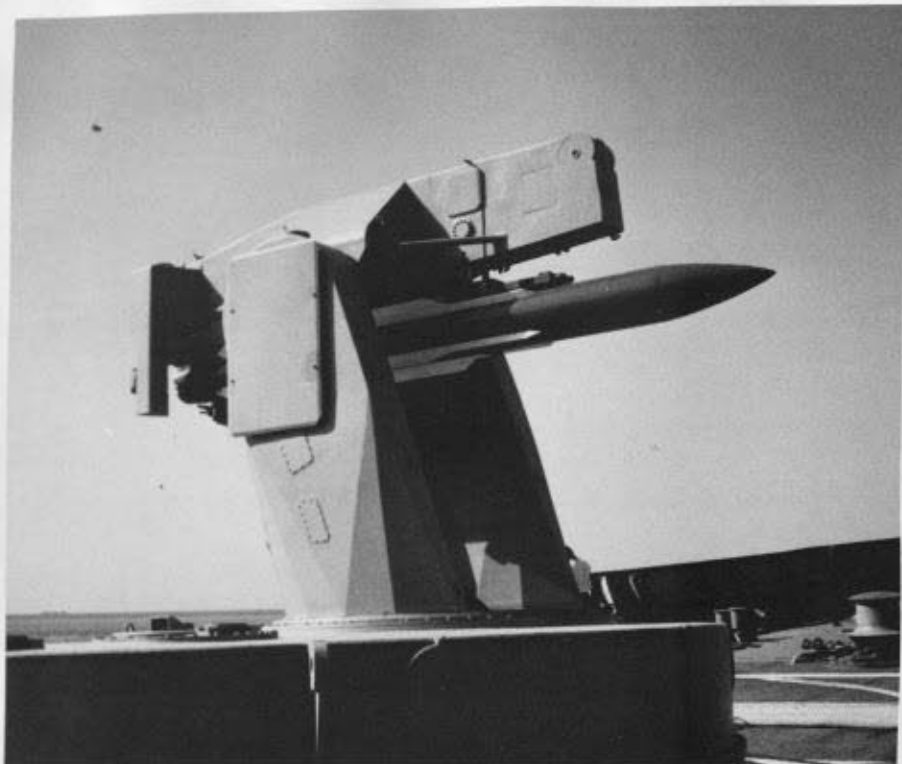
Semper Fidelis . . .



Gunner Baker, LT Iverson and ENS. Masi displaying their
40MM auto grenade launcher, M60 machine gun and
MK79 grenade launcher . . .



The men shown on this page were our small craft reaction force. These men were picked from various divisions from the ships crew. To be an effective fighting unit, a warship must be capable of inflicting maximum damage upon the enemy; to survive, it must be able to defend herself against hostile attack. These men are trained to encounter and defend the ship from small craft and swimmer attacks



*** FIRE POWER ***

Persian Gulf yachting attire (by Benetton)



Stinger det . . . these men provided close in weapons support for the ship





Yes, sir, yes sir captain I see the helo now, yes it is as plain as day ...



Gee, whiz guys I told you to go before we left ...

Below: Police brutality, police brutality huh ... I'll give you police brutality





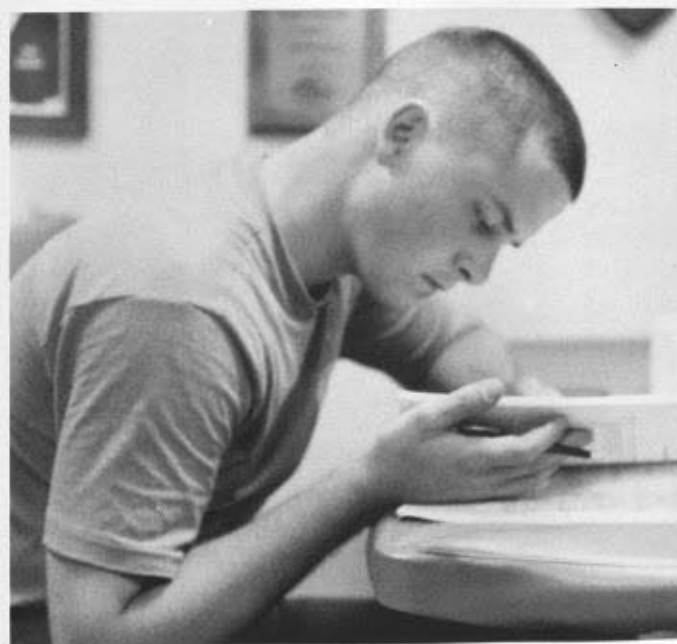






This is what it's all about . . . as the cruiser W.H. Standley refuels from the oiler Witchita . . .

A time to reflect on home and future plans.



EARNEST



WILL



O.K., KHOMEINI, YOUR MOVE



Ideals are like stars: you will not succeed in reaching them with your hands, but like the seafaring man of the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and, following them, you reach your destiny. The whales on the move.



Admiral Crowe visited the gulf on Sept. 13-15. By then, he had cleared his plan with President Reagan, and he had sent in forces and equipment for the specific purpose of capturing an Iranian minelayer. Among them were navy commandos known as seal's.



Whales' sail up the goo to Wally World.



It begins with the dance of the whales in the goo. Through the silk-worm envelope until they reach Wally World. Translated that means the convoy maneuvers into position in the Gulf of Oman, and proceeds through the Straits of Hormuz into the Persian Gulf.

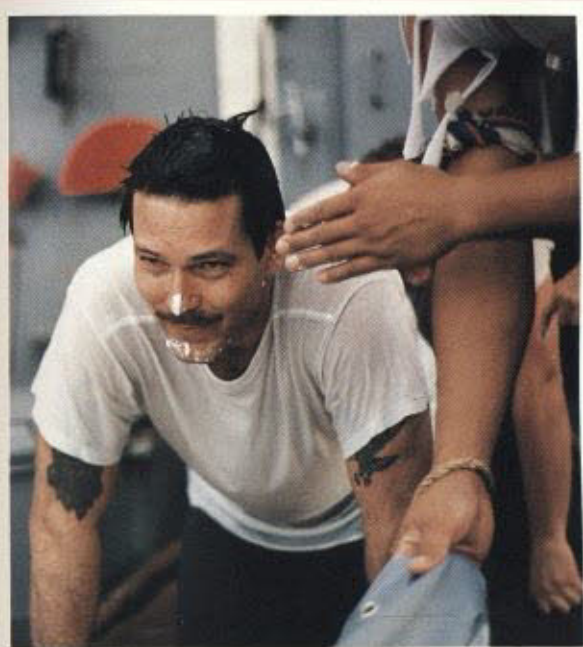


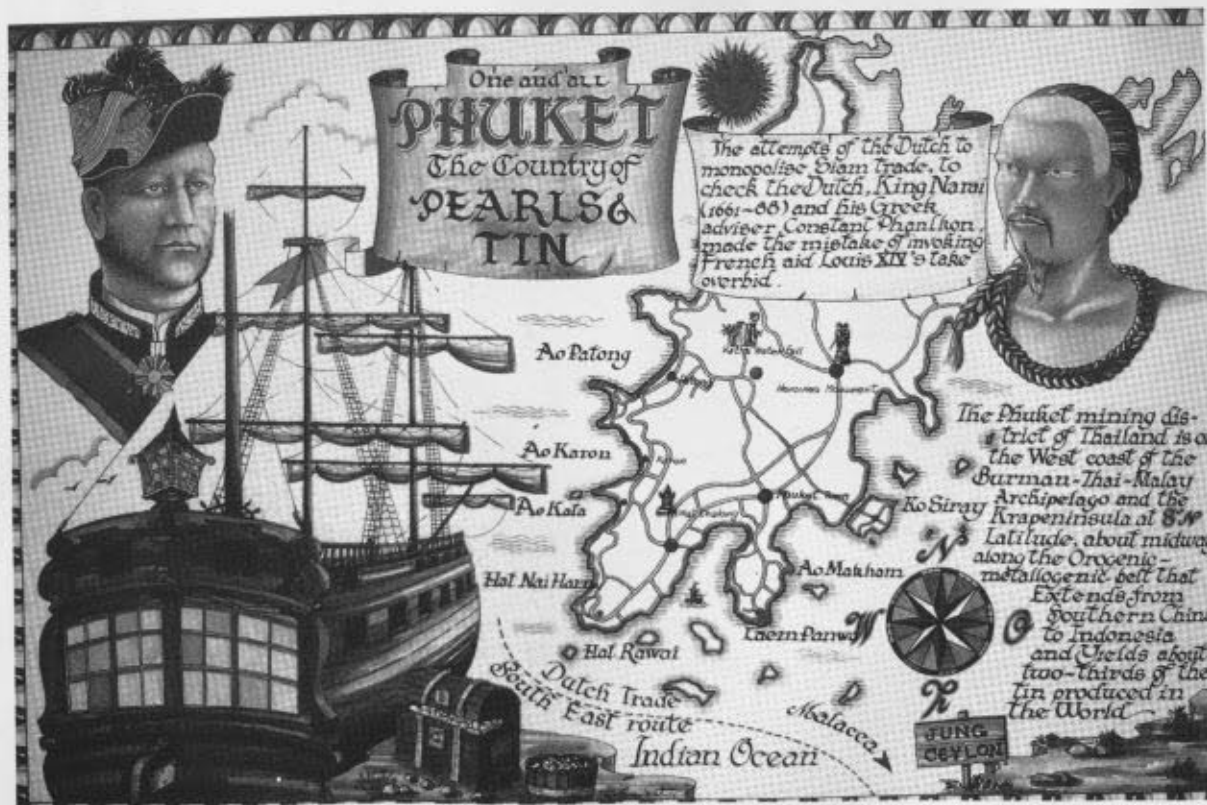
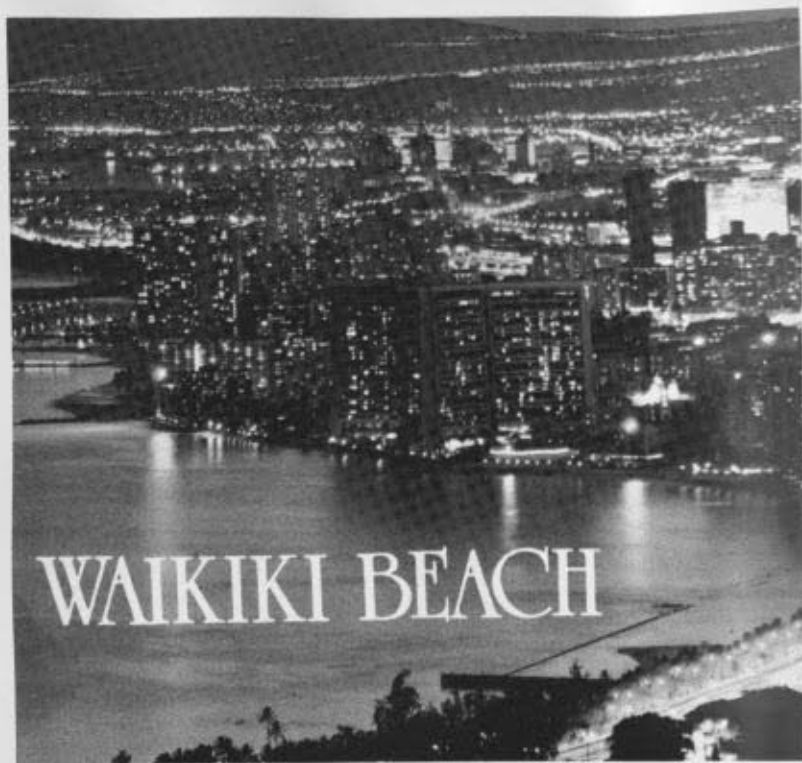
Bridgeton at anchor off the coast of Dubi, UAE. This was the tanker hit by a mine in the navys first escort mission. Rentz protected the Bridgeton while another Iranian attack occurred on the Grand Wisdom, only ten miles away.

Escorting a big boy from the straits to Bahrain. [flak vest keeps salt off ammo until gunner needs it]



CROSSING THE LINE





PORT VISITS

Pearl Harbor
Subic Bay, R.P.
Singapore
Colombo Sri Lanka
Phuket Thailand
Hong Kong B.C.

The world is a looking glass. And it gives back only the reflection of each of us. Frown at it, and it in turn will look sourly upon you; laugh at it and with it, and it is a jolly, kind companion ...



THE LIFE



Gee, oh gee Mom we're on T.V.



Dagger on patrol



I really never knew that I had a sister in the P.I.

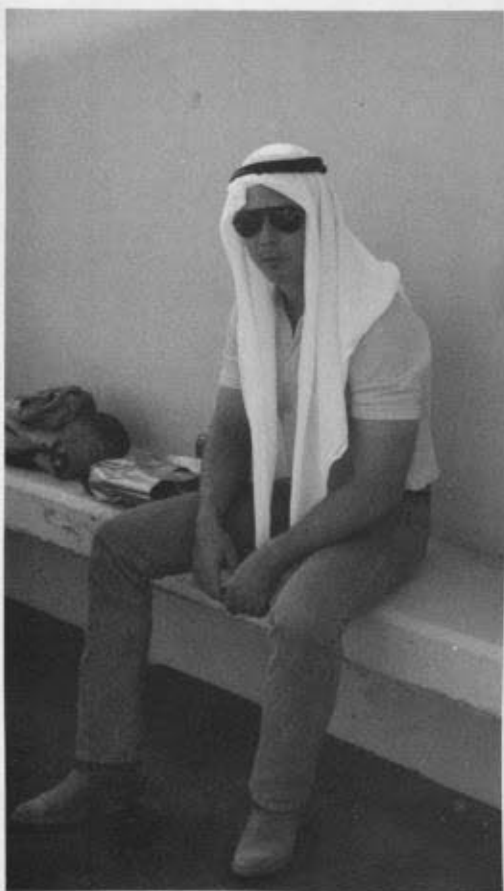


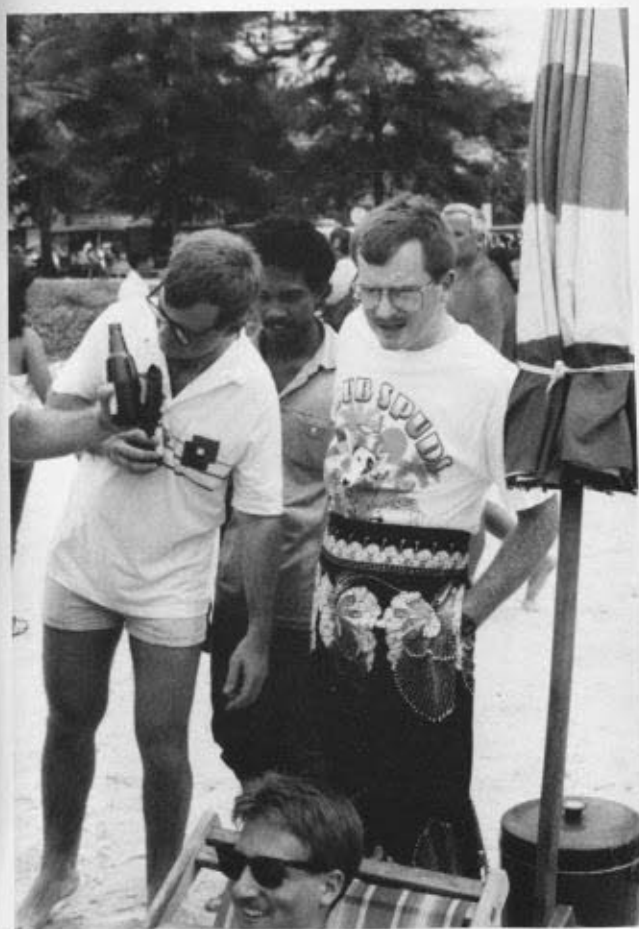
In pursuit of fun, life and beer



Hey, who is shaking the building







LEADERSHIP



Throughout the history of the Rentz, men have served her proudly, only to move onward and upward in the Navy. Every man, past, present, and future will make his history and carry his memories. These men are the new men of the Rentz. The bearers of the proud name we have established and the reputation we leave behind will be theirs to carry.

First row: ICC E. Busby, RMC (SW) G. Fontaine, ETC G. Suarez, FCC R. Steward, ENC H. Monton. **Second row:** BMCS (SW) B. Fitzpatrick, QMCS (SW) L. Hardie, FCC T. Killian, PNC S. Feezor, EMCS (SW) R. Eames, STGC S. Waddell. **Third row:** GSEC G. Kulp, GMMC P. Andrews, OSC (SW) K. MacDonald, STGCS J. Head, GMGCS (SW) D. Baker. **Fourth row:** GYSGT W. Williams, OSC (SW) J.R. Romero, MSC M. Smith, ATCS D. Howell.



RETURNING HOME



The flak jacket was hung on the stantion with care, because when you wear them you know you are in despair . . .



There is nothing more beautiful than a rainbow, but it takes both rain and sunshine to make one. If life is to be rounded and many-colored, like a rainbow, both joy and sorrow must come to it. Those who have never known anything but prosperity and pleasure become hard and shallow, but those whose prosperity has been mixed with adversity become kind and gracious.

— Anonymous



A final wrap up, Senior Chief Head said, as our mission to the Persian Gulf came to an end.



Saturday, November 7, 1987

U.S.-managed tanker hit by Iran frigate's fire

MANAMA, Bahrain (UPI) — An Iranian frigate fired on a U.S.-managed tanker laden with Kuwaiti crude in the Persian Gulf Friday, setting the ship ablaze, as Iraqi bombers raided Iran's oil industry.

An American warship, the frigate *Rentz*, was 20 miles away and rushed to offer aid, officials in Washington said. There were no injuries in the attack from the frigate's 4½-inch guns, and the blaze was put out before the U.S. warship arrived.

Waves of Iraqi warplanes bombed the southwestern Iranian province of Khuzestan, killing one civilian and wounding 13 and damaging an industrial installation, Tehran Radio said. It said two children were among the wounded.

An Iraqi war communique, in an apparent reference to the same attack, said warplanes bombed Iran's main petrochemical complex at Bandar Khomeini in a destructive sweep that set the nearly completed Japanese-built facility on fire.

The 103,584-ton tanker *Grand Wisdom*, registered in Panama and managed by Teekay Shipping Co. Ltd., of Long Beach, Calif., came under the frigate's gunfire off the United Arab Emirates port of Dubai

in the southern gulf shortly before dawn Friday. One 4½-inch shell ignited a fire in the engine room and four others pierced the stern, shipping sources said.

No injuries were reported, and the fire was extinguished within 20 minutes, sparing the tanker's load of crude oil from Kuwait.

In Washington, Pentagon officials said the attack was launched by a warship of the Iranian navy and not a gunboat manned by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard. They said the Panamanian tanker put in to Dubai after the attack.

No U.S. retaliation is planned, the officials said, because the tanker was not flying a U.S. flag and does not come under current policy of protecting only vessels flying the American flag.

The Pentagon also announced that the 16th convoy of a re-flagged Kuwaiti ship left early Friday morning from Kuwait and steamed southward down the gulf escorted by the U.S. frigate *Thach*.

Lloyd's of London, the insurance broker, said it was the 126th confirmed strike on shipping this year by Iran or Iraq and the 394th since the war that began in September 1980 spilled into the Persian Gulf.



"... And he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains and the shouting ..."



U.S.-backed tanker attacked by Iranians

Washington Post

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — An Iranian speedboat attacked a U.S.-operated Panamanian tanker in the Persian Gulf on Friday, indicating that despite U.S. retaliatory measures, Iran's willingness to attack U.S.-linked shipping in the area remains unchanged.

The attack with rocket-propelled grenades on the 103,584-ton *Grand Wisdom* off the United Arab Emirates port of Jebel Ali, 20 miles west of Dubai, was Iran's first against a foreign tanker in the gulf since one of its Silkworm missiles slammed into the U.S.-flagged Kuwaiti tanker *Sea Isle City* on Oct. 16.

That Iranian attack prompted Washington to shell the Iranians' Rostam offshore oil drilling platform, which U.S. intelligence officials believe was used for radar surveillance of shipping on its way to Kuwait.

Friday, ships passing in the vicinity said the Rostam rig was still burning, 17 days after four U.S. destroyers fired 1,000 shells into it.

There were no casualties in Friday's attack on the *Grand Wis-*

dom, according to ship crew members interviewed by radio telephone. The crew members said, however, that their ship had been hit five times by rocket-propelled grenades, causing a fire in the ship's engine room that took two hours to extinguish.

The crippled tanker was shadowed by the guided missile cruiser USS *Rentz* as it made its way to anchor off Dubai on Friday, although there was no indication that the *Rentz* had been protecting the *Grand Wisdom* when it was attacked.

The U.S. naval task force in the gulf was not expected to consider the attack as grounds for further retaliatory strikes against Iran. The navy's rules of engagement limit them to defending U.S.-flagged vessels in the gulf, not U.S.-managed vessels flying foreign flags.

"An Iranian gunboat hit us with rocket-propelled grenade launchers this morning shortly after dawn," said a ship's radio operator when reached after the fully loaded oil tanker anchored off Dubai. "There was a fire onboard in the engine room, but we put it out."



When the smoke cleared last week, all the victories had gone to the U.S. Navy.





TIGER CRUISE



"My mama said secret mission or no secret mission ... I couldn't go unless you told her where we were going and when we would be back."



***** RENTZ TIGERS *****



Rentz Tigers . . . These men had the opportunity of a life time to observe the young men of the Rentz. While at work, at play. Some were sons to most of the Tigers, others just good friends . . .



Our final leg home

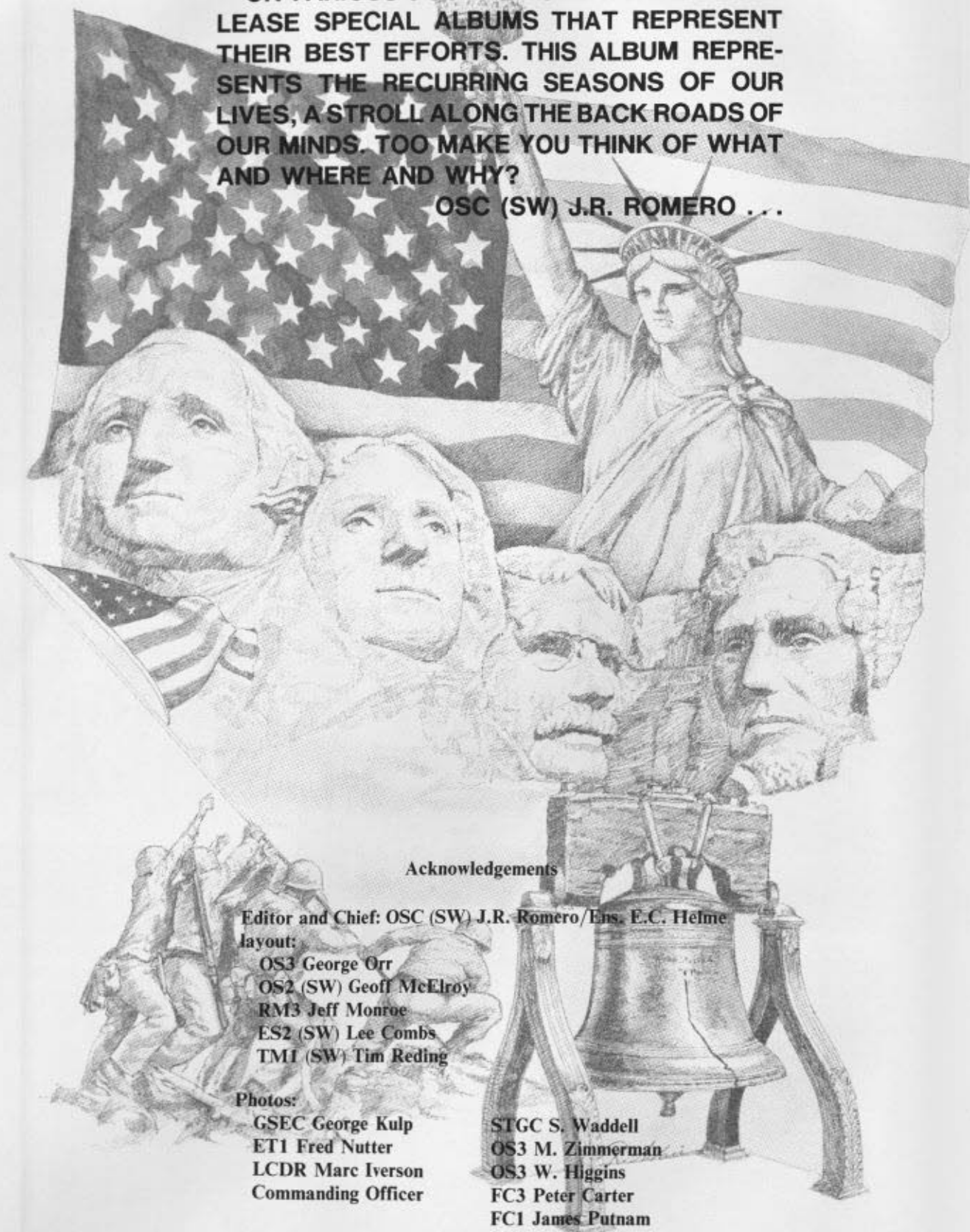


"Here on this spot was born a nation that will be adept in all the humanities. Spreading in circles, as when a pebble is thrown into a morning lake" . . . Harry Brown

EDITOR'S NOTE:

ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS ARTISTS WILL RELEASE SPECIAL ALBUMS THAT REPRESENT THEIR BEST EFFORTS. THIS ALBUM REPRESENTS THE RECURRING SEASONS OF OUR LIVES, A STROLL ALONG THE BACK ROADS OF OUR MINDS. TOO MAKE YOU THINK OF WHAT AND WHERE AND WHY?

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